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NISEKOI

False Love

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This volume includes episodes from the school festival. My memories of my own school festivals include being in the art club and publishing a manga in our club zine. It was quite an ordeal. It was my first time drawing a manga, and I had all sorts of trouble drawing it and finishing it on time... Lots of people helped me, and I finally finished it on the day of the festival! Back then, I was really discouraged, wondering if I could ever make it as a manga author. Now, it's a fond memory...

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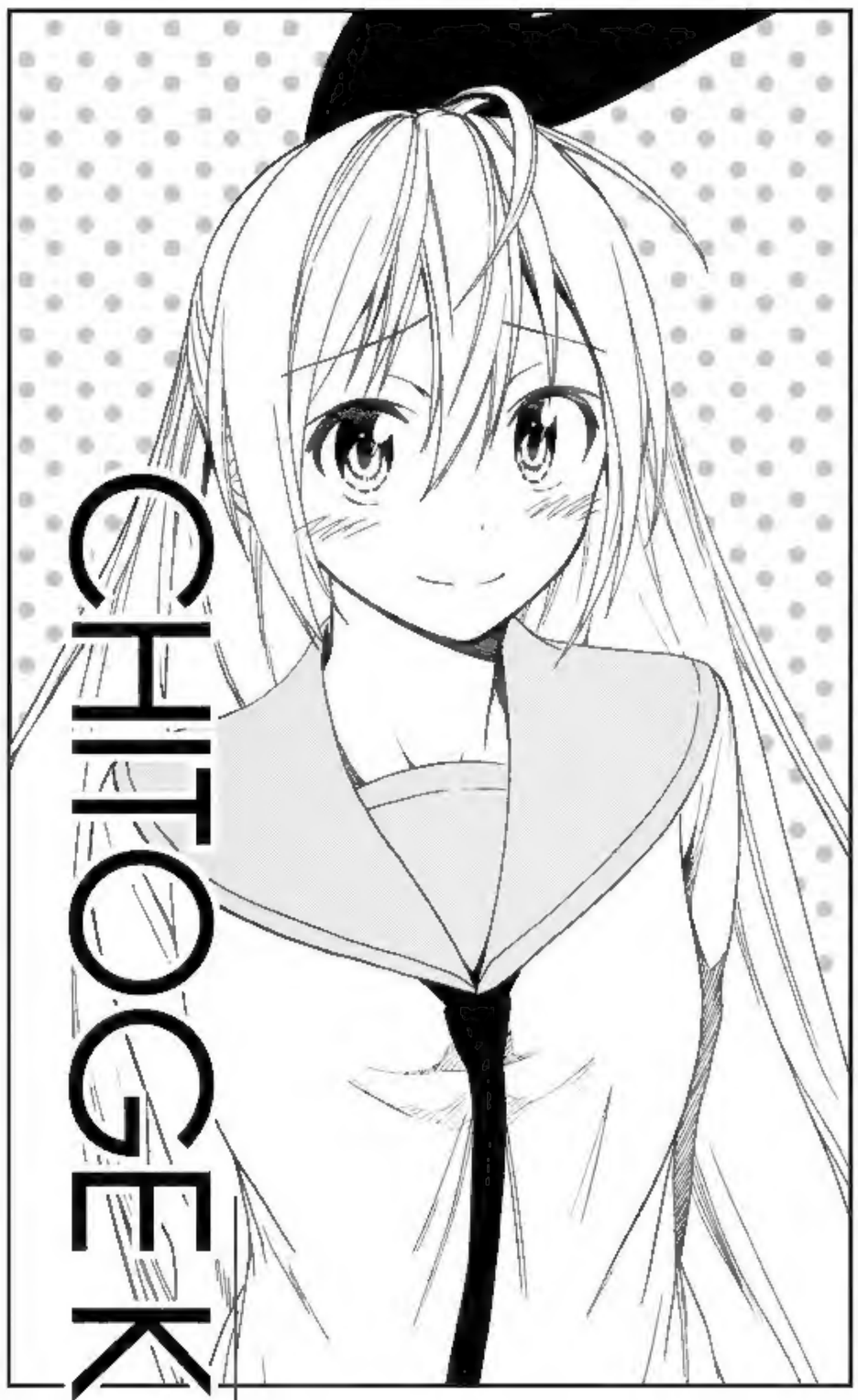
KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.



CHITOGE KIRISAKI

A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend is outgoing and girl-crazy.

RAKU ICHIJO

A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago.

RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.

YUI KANAKURA

A childhood friend of Raku's, Yui is the head of a Chinese mafia gang and the homeroom teacher of Raku's class at his school. She is currently staying at Raku's house and also has a special key linked to some kind of promise...

MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.

CHARACTERS & STORY

Ten years ago, Raku Ichijo made a promise with a girl he loved that they would get married when they met again...and he still treasures the pendant she gave him to seal their pledge.

Thanks to his family's circumstances, Raku has to pretend he's dating Chitoge Kirisaki, the daughter of a rival gangster. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge manage to fool everyone. Chitoge also has a token from her first love ten years ago—an old key. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, also has a key, as does Marika, the girl Raku's father has arranged for him to marry. Now, Raku's childhood friend Yui has been hired as their homeroom teacher. It turns out that she, too, has a key connected to a special promise...

SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Trained as an assassin in order to protect Chitoge, Tsugumi is often mistaken for a boy.

HARU ONODERA

Kosaki's adoring younger sister. Has a low opinion of Raku.

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Tee hee hee...

Ha ha ha...

HEY...

GEE, ONODERA SURE IS CUTE!

COME CLOSER, ICHIJO!

Chapter-126:-Declaration

O-ONO-DERA?! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?

MM, YOU'RE SO WAARM!

SHE'S AWFULLY BOLD TODAY!!

WILL YOU WARM ME UP, ICHIJO?

IT'S A LITTLE WINDY TODAY!

HUH? BUT...

BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEE BEEP

I CAN'T BREATHE...

OF COURSE, I LIKE HER LIKE THIS TOO...

WAIT A SEC... SHE SURE IS STRONG...

Ichijo!♡

SQUEEZE SQUEEZE SQUEEZE

MMMM!

SQUEEZE

BZZZ BZZZ

BEE-BEE-BEEP

BEE-BEE-BEEP

CHIRP

CHIRP

WHMP

CUT THAT OUT!!

AWW... YOU LET ME SLEEP WITH YOU THE OTHER DAY!

THAT WAS JUST ONE TIME!

IT WAS...A SPECIAL OCCA-SION!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO CRAWL INTO MY FUTON?!

JUST GET OUT OF HERE!

FORGET IT.

A SPECIAL OCCA-SION?

GOOD MORNING, YOUNG MASTER!!

CLATTER

YOU HAVE A VISITOR!! MISTRESS KIRISAKI IS HERE!

THAT'S NOT HAPPENING!

You've got it all wrong!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO GO WITH THE CHAR SIU KAI...

HMM

HMM...
DO WE ALIGN WITH THE BEEHIVE OR CHAR SIU KAI?

MUTTER MUTTER

HUH? UM, WELL... ACTUALLY...

CHITOGE'S HERE? HOW COME?

I FORGOT! BETTER HURRY...

OH NO!

MISTRESS KIRISAKI IS WAITING DOWNSTAIRS.

What a good girlfriend!

NOW, COULD YOU LEAVE SO I CAN GET DRESSED?

WE HAVE A DATE TODAY...

UGH. THIS IS EMBAR-RASSING.

CHIRP

TWEET

A DATE?

...

Tee hee hee...

ER, DARLING?

SORRY.

FOR SOME REASON, SHE INSISTED ON COMING ALONG.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

SORRY TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR DATE, CHITOGE.

I JUST HAVE TO DO ONE THING, AND THEN I'LL GO.

DO ONE THING?

SHE SURE IS PRETTY.

I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR THEM, LIVING TOGETHER.

AND SHE AND RAKU SEE EACH OTHER DAY IN AND DAY OUT.

I'VE GOT A CRAVING FOR A LATTE. DON'T YOU?

MM...

NO...NO WAY!

WHAT AM I THINKING?

HUH?

SHAKA

SHAKA

Our first kiss...

GASP!!

C'MON, PLEASE?

SHOVE

OOF!

THAT FAR?!

CAN'T YOU JUST GET COFFEE FROM ANY OLD PLACE?

IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STATION.

HUH?! WHY ME?!

BESIDES, THERE'S NO PLACE TO GET A LATTE HERE...

WOULD YOU GO GET LATTES FOR ALL THREE OF US, RAKU?

...I WANTED A CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU, CHITOGE.

THE TRUTH IS...

HUH?

...?

Geez, what gives?!

See ya soon!

...??

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING SUCH A GOOD FRIEND TO RAKU.

IT'S NICE KNOWING HE'S GOT SOMEONE LIKE YOU SUPPORTING HIM.

OH... UM... I DON'T REALLY...

IT'S NOTHING BIG...

YES.

WITH ME?

UM, I GUESS IT WAS RAKU.

Heh heh...

REALLY? WOW, GOOD WORK, RAKU!

WHO ASKED WHO OUT?

UM, SINCE I FIRST STARTED SCHOOL HERE, SO ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF...

Wow, that's long!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO BEEN DATING?

IT SURE IS!

I MEAN, I'M PRETTY USED TO IT NOW, BUT AT THE BEGINNING...

GLOW!

BUT...

IT MUST BE TOUGH PRETENDING TO BE DATING.

WHAT?

OH!

GAH!

I KNEW IT! IT'S JUST AN ACT!

I WAS WONDERING WHY THE BEEHIVE AND SHUEI-GUMI WERE GETTING ALONG SO WELL.

I GET IT.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU HAD TO START PRETENDING.

OF COURSE NOT.

I WON'T TELL.

UM, YUI?

YOU WON'T TELL, WILL YOU?

THAT'S HALF OF IT.

HALF?

IS THAT WHAT YOU NEEDED TO TAKE CARE OF?

HUH?

WHAT?!

NO WAY!!
UH-UH!

WE'RE JUST A FAKE COUPLE, THAT'S ALL!

DO YOU STILL HAVE A CRUSH ON RAKU?

CHITOGE ...

WELL, THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO AFTER ALL.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. FEELINGS CHANGE.

OH!

WAIT...

DO I...

"STILL" ...?

...RAKU?

HUH?

B-BMP

B-BMP

THE BOY I WROTE ABOUT IN MY DIARY WAS...

SO...

TEN YEARS AGO I HAD A CRUSH ON RAKU?

B-BMP

*BOOK: DIARY, CHITOGE AGE 5

MY FIRST CRUSH...

I'D WONDERED ABOUT THAT...

...BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT COULD REALLY BE...

B-BMP

B-BMP

B-BMP

WELL...

I'M IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE TOO.

HUH?!

NO! I DON'T! I...

YOU *DO* STILL LIKE HIM, DON'T YOU?

JOLT

I HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS AND YEARS, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE APART...

I TRIED TO FORGET HIM LOTS OF TIMES.

I FIGURED HE PROBABLY HAD SOMEONE ELSE BY NOW...

THAT I MIGHT NOT STAND A CHANCE...

BUT I TOLD MYSELF THAT IF HE WAS AVAILABLE WHEN WE MET AGAIN...

...I'D SUMMON ALL MY COURAGE...

...FOR THE YOUNGER MAN...

...I CARE SO MUCH ABOUT.

!!

WAIT ...

U U YOU MEAN...

YES.

I LOVE RAKU.

I ALWAYS HAVE.

AND NOT JUST AS A FRIEND.

?!?!!

?!!!!

I THOUGHT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU TO HIDE IT.

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU.

...

MAY THE BEST WOMAN WIN, CHITOGE!

SO...

HUH?

UM...

OKAY, I'M DONE NOW.

BUT I'M GLAD I DID.

WHA...

ER...

UH...

I WAS SO NERVOUS!

WOW, I SAID IT!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET ANYONE BEAT ME!

FWSH

I COULDN'T MOVE.

I WAS DUMB-FOUNDED.

...GAVE ME THE CHILLS.

... SO HONEST AND OPEN LIKE MARIKA, BUT DIFFER-ENT...

THE WAY SHE BARED HER FEEL-INGS...

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S DECLARING US RIVALS...

...I CAN'T HELP...

...BEING AWED BY HER.

Whaat?!

WHAT A THING TO OVER-HEAR!!

DA-DA-DUM!!

OMG OMG OMG

BUT...I THOUGHT THEY WERE LIKE BROTHER AND SISTER!

TALK ABOUT A SNIPER ATTACK...

I HEARD MS. YUI SAY THAT SHE LOVES RAKU!

UM...

KOSAKI... HOW MUCH OF THAT DID YOU HEAR?!

WHA-WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?!

YEAH, ME TOO!

OH, YOU THINK SO, RURI?

You were pushing me to do the same!

THAT'S PRETTY BALLSY.

SO BASICALLY, SHE'S WARNING CHITOGE THAT SHE'S OUT TO STEAL ICHIJO FROM HER?

SHE'S GOT YOU BEAT AT EVERYTHING!

SHE'S GOT A GREAT PERSONALITY AND A SMOKIN' BOD, THEY'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, AND THEY LIVE UNDER THE SAME ROOF!

A HOT TEACHER WITH BRAINS AND BEAUTY!

AND TALK ABOUT A TOUGH OPPONENT!

TAKE THAT!

SPLUT

BLRG!

SHLOK

WELL, THIS DOESN'T JUST CONCERN THEM.

THIS MAKES HER YOUR RIVAL TOO.

I WON'T GIVE UP.

ICHIJO'S A GUY, AFTER ALL. EVEN IF HE LIKES KOSAKI NOW, WITH A BABE LIKE MS. YUI FLIRTING WITH HIM DAILY...

BUT SHE REALLY IS A FORMIDABLE FOE.

I GUESS I WENT A LITTLE FAR.

OOPS.

Waaah...

I CAN'T JUST GIVE UP ON THAT!

I...I LOVE ICHIJO!

I MEAN...

I WON'T LET ANYONE BEAT ME!

I DON'T CARE HOW AMAZING MY RIVALS ARE...

KOSAKI...

WORMP

IF THAT'S HOW OUR TEACHER FEELS...

I'LL FIGHT FOR HIM TOO!

AND I'LL WIN HIS HEART!

HUH ?!

BUT YOU ALREADY HAVE ICHIJO'S HEART, STUPID...

YOUR TONE JUST TOTALLY CHANGED ...

Yeesh.

How come ?

HEH HEH... I GUESS SO...

OH?

YOU'VE REALLY GROWN UP!!

KOSAKI...

SPLOOSH

That's my girl!

DON'T FORGET ANY-THING!

TOMOR-ROW'S THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS THE WHOLE GANG'S GONE ON A TRIP TOGETHER!

RIGHT!!

ALL RIGHTY! EVERYONE PACKED AND READY?

CHATTER

CHATTER

THEY'RE BOTH VERY MATURE.

THEY'LL BE FINE.

TOMORROW IT'LL JUST BE YUI AND THE YOUNG MASTER HERE ALONE.

YEAH...

HUFF

PUFF

Where's that café?!

Darn it...

Starbucks Coffee

Popular primarily among young people for its stylish interior design and ridiculously long menu. Doesn't sell alcohol.

CLATTER

G'MORNING, EVERYONE ...

HEY...

YAWN

CHIRP

CHIRP

CHIRP

THERE'S NOBODY HERE?

HUH?

TWEET

Chapter 127: The King

SHU? WHAT'S UP?

HEY, RAKU! YOU FREE?

OH YEAH... NOW I REMEMBER.

BNNN BNNN

DID YOU FORGET? THE WHOLE GANG WENT ON A TRIP.

GOOD MORNING, RAKU!

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE ALL ALONE WITH YUI TODAY? HUBBA HUBBA! ♡

SO, WAIT... A TRIP?

HA HA. JUST KIDDING. ☆

SO WHAT? SHE'S LIKE A SISTER TO ME, YOU PERV.

YEAH...

SORRY. I WAS PLANNING TO STUDY ALL DAY TODAY.

THE GANG'S AWAY ON A TRIP, SO I THOUGHT I'D TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME...

HOW 'BOUT TODAY?

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO CHECK OUT THAT FISHING GEAR STORE, RIGHT?

TAP TAP

YEAH, SORRY. BYE!

KLIK

ANOTHER TIME, THEN.

LATER! ♫

TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

GRIN...!!!

TING-A-LING-A-LING-A-LING ♪

BZZZ BZZZ

Onodera

TEXT

Morning! It's your favorite pal Shu!

Hey, can you believe ol' Raku's alone in the house today with Yui?! What a scandal! Hardy har har!

Well, see ya!☆

-END-

SNAP

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

ALONE?!

WANT ME TO HELP YOU?

Since you're a teacher and all...

HUH?

YEAH, THAT WOULD BE GREAT... THANKS!

NO PROB-LEM.

YOU'RE GOING TO STUDY ALL DAY?

YOU SURE ARE RESPON-SIBLE, RAKU!

STRETCH

WELL...

GUESS I'LL HIT THE BOOKS!

HUH? NOT REALLY.

ISN'T IT KIND OF EXCITING, JUST THE TWO OF US HERE?

GEE...

Why didja say that?!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SIS?!

HA HA! ARE YOU SHY?

DING-DONG

TEE HEE

WE COULD DO ANY-THING... AND NOBODY WOULD EVER KNOW.

BLRF

CLATTER

?!

WHO COULD THAT BE?

A DELIV-ERY?

HAHH

HAHH

WHAT'RE YOU ALL DOING HERE SO EARLY IN THE MORNING ?!

TA

DA!!

OH!

ME TOO.

ME THREE.

I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD, SO I SWUNG BY...

ER...

ULP...

GRIN

Tee hee hee

HUHR! Is that possible ?!

HUFF HUFF

IT'S MY DUTY TO MAKE SURE RAKU ICHIJO DOESN'T CHEAT ON MY MISTRESS...

I'M JUST HERE TO SUPER-VISE...

MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER

YOU SAID YOU'D FIGHT FOR HIM. LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

WELL, KOSAKI?

B-BMP

YEP... I'LL DO MY BEST!

UNDER THE CIRCUM-STANCES, IT SEEMED UNWISE TO LEAVE THEM ALONE TOGETHER...

NOW WHAT? I CAME RUNNING OVER WITHOUT REALLY THINKING...

KRASH

HUH?

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

WELL, I'M STILL KINDA CONFUSED, BUT COME ON IN.

I'LL SERVE SOME TEA...

RAKU DEAREST?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RAKU DEAREST?!

"HUH?!

HUFF HUFF

TACHI-BANA?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

HAHH HAHH

HOW DID YOU KNOW...

ALONE?

I'M NOT LEAVING YOU ALONE WITH MY DARLING RAKU!!

HEH HEH...YOU WON'T HAVE YOUR WAY IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, YUI!

HUFF

Oh my! ♡

HUFF

HEY GANG! NICE TO SEE YOU ALL!

SHU, WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?!

HOW'D YOU GET EVERYONE TO COME HERE?

THAT I CAN'T TELL YOU. ♡

Tee hee hee...

SHOOP

YOU DID THIS!!

YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...

EVERYONE'S ALREADY HERE, SO LET'S MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

IT'S FINE, RAKU.

SURE.

RAKU, WILL YOU HELP ME?

OKAY.

I CAN MAKE SOMETHING, IF YOU WANT TO EAT HERE.

WHAT DO YOU ALL WANT TO DO FOR LUNCH?

WOW! THAT WOULD BE GREAT!

NO!!

N...

UH... WE DON'T NEED THIS MANY PEOPLE...

LEAVE IT TO ME!

I CAN HANDLE THIS!

I'LL HELP, ICHIJO!

YEAH! I WANT TO HELP TOO!

ER... I'LL HELP!

HUH?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT...

HOW'S YUI AT COOKING?

BY THE WAY, RAKU ...

OH.

YOU SURE?

Night can help me.

YOU SHOULD STAY AND ENTERTAIN YOUR GUESTS.

RAKU, I'LL JUST HANDLE IT ALONE.

PHEW!

CHART OF GIRLS' COOKING SKILLS THUS FAR

BAD COOKS

GOOD COOKS

B-BMP

THE SUS-PENSE!

B-BMP

WHICH IS SHE?

B-BMP

WHICH IS YUI?

B-BMP

IT'S READY!

WHSH

PERFECTLY DELICIOUS!

DELI-CIOUS!

Phew...

Yaph!

CHOMP

WOW! THOSE LOOK GREAT!

I MADE PAN-FRIED DUMPLINGS!

TA-DAA!

AND SOME CURRY, SPRING AND SHRIMP DUMPLINGS...

THESE ARE PLUM DUMPLINGS AND CHEESE DUMPLINGS.

AND DEEP-FRIED DUMP-LINGS...

HERE'S SOME BOILED DUMP-LINGS...

They're good.

TINK

WORMP

HUH?

DOESN'T SHE HAVE ANY FLAWS?

PHEW... SO SHE'S NOT PERFECT!!

SIZZLE SIZZLE SIZZLE

CHOP CHOP CHOP

I ONLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE DUMPLINGS.

BLUSH BLUSH

I HAVE AN IDEA!

LET'S PLAY THE KING GAME!

NYOHOHOHO

NOBODY WANTS TO PLAY THAT DUMB GAME.

YOU DORK.

WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE EATEN, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

SINCE WE'RE ALL HERE, WE MIGHT AS WELL DO SOMETHING FUN.

WHAT?!

LET'S DO IT!

SH

AH!!

I DON'T KNOW...

WELL, THIS COULD BE AN OPPOR-TUNITY.

IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE. YOU'LL CATCH ON.

WHAT'S THE KING GAME?

THE KING GAME!!

IF THIS GOES WELL, I CAN GET IN YUI'S WAY AND MAYBE DO SOMETHING FUN WITH RAKU DEAREST TOO! TEE HEE!

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Ha ha ha

BUT NOT TOO SAFE, OR IT'S NO FUN, RIGHT?

Yeah, yeah.

I KNOW, I KNOW. WE'LL KEEP IT NICE AND WHOLESOME!

NO PERVERTED STUFF, SHU.

...BUT I GUESS THIS COULD BE FUN.

HMM. IT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I CAME HERE TO DO...

B-BMP B-BMP

FIDGET FIDGET

Yeah!

OH, IT'S KIRISAKI!

WHO'S GOING TO BE KING FIRST?

DA-DA-

—DUM!

?!

WHAT?!

YAY! I'M NO. 6!

I'M NO. 2.

OKAY. NO. 2, PAT THE HEAD OF NO. 6!

HOW'S THAT?

Good one!

BESIDES, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY THE KING GAME...

PANIC

PANIC

What's wrong with you, Kirisaki?!

Like this?

Tee hee hee!

I'M PLAYING RIGHT INTO HER HANDS!!

NO WAY!!

IF I MAKE A BAD DECISION, THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN AGAIN...

HMM. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

OH, IT'S ME!

SO, THE NEXT KING IS...

TWITCH

UM...

NO. 5 AND THE KING...

A COMMAND THAT WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE... HOW ABOUT... USING MY LAP AS A PILLOW...?

RIGHT... IF I COMMAND SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING TO THE KING (ME), AT LEAST I KNOW IT WON'T BE BETWEEN ICHIJO AND YUI.

FWUMP

OKAY...

SHAKE HANDS.

ER...

UM...

HE ISN'T THE ONLY BOY... THERE'S SHU TOO!

WHAT IF IT ISN'T ICHIJO?!

BUT...

PLIP PLIP

RIGHT.

LET'S SHAKE.

OKAY, ONO-DERA...

SKWEEZ

?!

I'M NO. 5.

ER...

REALLY ?!

!! LAY HIS HEAD IN MY LAP!

I SHOULD'VE HAD HIM...

You idiot.

WORMP

WOW, I WAS SO NERVOUS!

B-BMP B-BMP

I'M THE KING!!

AAAGH!

IT'S ME!!

WHO'S THE NEXT KING?

NOW...

WINK

OKAY, HONDA ...

NOW!!

THOK

OUCH!

SHOO!!

PIPE DOWN!

I INSIST THAT YOU FOLLOW THE RULES!

UGH. IT'S MARIKA.

YOU'D BETTER NOT MAKE IT SOMETHING WEIRD!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

VICTORY IS MINE!!

NO. 1!

?

WHAT WAS THAT?!

OW!!

UGH!

WHAT?!

KISS?!

MWA HA HA HA HA

NO. 1 IS TO KISS THE KING!!

1

7

WHSH

NOOOOOO !!

CLAP CLAP

KISSY KISSY KISSY! DO IT!!

RULES ARE RULES...

GO ON, DO IT!

WHY ME?!

SNIFFLE

SKOOT SKOOT

THIS WASN'T MY INTEN-TION!!

MARIKA TACHIBANA, WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!

COME ON... FOLLOW THE RULES!

YAp YAp YAp

OH NO!

BLOOSH

AUGH! ...

SHE'S CRY-ING!!

...

...KISSED ANYONE... BUT I'VE NEVER...

YES, BUT... POOR TSUGUMI...

THE NEXT KING IS...

OKAY, NEXT UP!

OH!

FOR SOME REASON, THIS IS SUPER ANNOYING.

UGH.

Would it have been that bad?!

IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY NOW.

There, there!

WAAAAH! MIS-TRESSSS !!

EX-CUSED

RRRRRRUMBLE

RRRRUMBLE
RRRRUMBLE
IT'S...
...YUI!!
OUR TEACHER'S THE NEXT KING?!
WHAT WILL SHE COMMAND?!
CHUCKLE ♥

WHSH WHSH WHSH
It's the only thing I'm good at cooking!!
So fast!!!
Pot sticker-making whiz!

Chapter 128: Together

...THE KING!!

YUI IS...

RRRRUUMMBLE

HEH!

B-BMP

B-BMP

WHAT WILL SHE DECREE?!

NUMBERS 2 AND 7...

TWITCH

ALL RIGHT, THEN...

REVEAL YOUR CRUSH!

WHO IS IT?!

PHEW... IT'S NOT ME!

NUM-BERS 2 AND 7...

RE...

REVEAL MY CRUSH?!

DA—DA——DAA!

SHU?!

I'M NO. 2!!

2

PHEW...

NUMBERS 2 AND 7...

SHIP

Oh!

TWITCH

OF COURSE!

DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON SOMEONE NOW, SHU?

WELL, I GOT PICKED. THAT'S HOW IT GOES.

IT'S A LITTLE EMBARRASSING, BUT RULES ARE RULES!

?!

WHAAAAT?!

DA-DA-DUM!

YUI!

IT'S YOU!!

HERE GOES...

MY CRUSH IS...

AND MARIKA... AND SEISHIRO...

AND ONO-DERA... KIRISAKI...

AND??

AND!!

WHAT ABOUT MY NAME, HUH?

I GUESS I HAFTA ASK...

GRIND GRIND GRIND

OOPS! DID I FORGET ?!

SORRY, SORRY!

I LIKE YOU ALL!!

SHEESH!

WELL, BETTER HIM THAN US...

KRUCH

AUGH!

WHAP

WHOMP

BAM

SLAM

OW... OW... HEY!! AIIEEE!!

I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU TOO, RURI!! WAIT...

DON'T WORRY! ☆

SIGH...

WELL, WHAT CHOICE HAVE I?

OKAY, NO. 7...

WHAT'S THIS?

THIS FEELING OF SOME-THING TUGGING IN MY CHEST...

...?

THIS IS EMBARRASSING, BUT I MIGHT AS WELL COME OUT WITH IT!

THE PERSON I'M IN LOVE WITH IS...

MOVING RIGHT ALONG, THE NEXT KING IS...

SHFF SHFF

Not you too, Raku darling!!

HEY!! AIN'TCHA GONNA LISTEN TO ME?!

DON'T ASK ME...

WHO'S THERE?

MORE VISITORS?

DING-DONG

WHAT IF IT HAD BEEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE?

GEEZ. STILL, THAT WAS A TALL ORDER FROM YUI.

RRRAWR!!

集英組
*SIGN: SHUEI-GUMI
I GUESS NOBODY'S HERE...
SURE IS QUIET.
SO, THIS IS WHERE HE LIVES.
RIGHT?

I HAVE TO SAVE MY SISTER!
SHE RUSHED OUT OF THE HOUSE THIS MORNING AT TOP SPEED!
WELL, I CAN'T HELP IT.
HMM.
Going to Ichijo's house. See you!
What?

I HOPE NOTHING'S HAPPENED TO HER...
I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE YAKUZA HERE!
I HOPE MY SISTER'S OKAY...
DON'T WORRY. SHE'S BEEN HERE LOTS OF TIMES, RIGHT?

HMM.

IF THEY AREN'T GOING TO WELCOME US PROPERLY, I'LL BLOW THIS DOOR AWAY!

UM, PAULA? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

IS THAT REALLY ALL?

HUH?

WHAT...

Fu?

Tee hee hee...

HUH?

YOU LIKE THIS KIND OF THING, RIGHT, HARU?

SURE IS.

GEEZ, THIS PLACE SURE IS HUGE.

BLACK TIGER TOOK OFF THIS MORNING AT TOP SPEED TOO, SO IT PIQUED MY INTEREST. ♡

HARU...

FU AND PAULA?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

YEAH, I GUESS.

BUT I MEAN, IT'S NO BIGGIE...

I MEAN, YOU LIKE JAPANESE CONFECTIONS, BUT ALSO TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STYLE IN GENERAL, RIGHT?

HEY, YOU THREE!!

B-BMP

UM...

UM...

...?

WHAT'S WRONG, HARU?

?!

KABE DON

OH!

THANKS FOR HAVING US...

HA HA HA... YEAH YOU DO!

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE KIMONO YOU WEAR!

WHAT, DO I LOOK STUPID?

Oh, really?!

I ALWAYS DRESS LIKE THIS AT HOME...

THIS? OH...

UM... RAKU...

YOUR CLOTHES ...

TREMBLE TREMBLE

?

THANK YOU.

ONO-DERA'S INSIDE.

DON'T WORRY, THE SCARY GUYS AREN'T IN TODAY.

HE LOOKS HOT IN THAT GET-UP!

B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP

WHAT'LL I DO?

?

HARU... ...

THAT STUPID STUPID STUPID JERK!!

I TOLD MYSELF I WAS GIVING UP ON HIM...

AND IT LOOKS GREAT ON HIM! HE LOOKS HOT!

HE ALWAYS WEARS A KIMONO AT HOME?! NO FAIR! I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!

Oh wow! Lots of people are here!

Pardon us...

Paula ?!

Oh!! Haru ?!

WHAT?!

WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUD-DEN?!

YOU SURE ARE CUTE, HARU. ♡

GRIN

GRIN

...?

OH...

HMM...

HEH HEH

CHATTER

CHATTER

ONODERA'S YOUNGER SISTER AND HER FRIENDS.

WHO ARE THEY?

CHATTER

THEY'RE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS.

I SEE.

SHE'S RIGHT, IT IS KINDA WEIRD.

DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT!

RAKU...

PLAYING THE KING GAME WITH THIS MANY GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?

HON-ESTLY...

B-BMP B-BMP

?

WHAT IS IT, FU?

HEY, HARU...

I'LL PLAY TOO.

VERY WELL.

WELL, SINCE WE'RE HERE, WE MIGHT AS WELL PLAY.

Yay! I'll get more chop-sticks!

I HAVE AN IDEA...

HUH?

WELL, YEAH...

YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR SISTER CONNECT WITH ICHIJO, RIGHT, HARU?

SHA-SHOOP!!

SHOOP!!

I GET IT!

FU, YOU'RE SO SMART!

Did everyone get a chopstick?

Tee hee...

THAT WAY WE CAN PICK THEM AND MAKE THEM DO WHATEVER WE WANT!

IF YOU OR I ARE KING, WE'LL PEEK AT YOUR SISTER'S AND ICHIJO'S NUMBERS AND COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER THROUGH SIGNALS.

?

HOPE YOU'RE READY FOR THIS, SIS!

WE CAN REALLY MOVE THINGS ALONG NOW!

IT'S FU!

THIS IS OUR CHANCE !!

WHAT DO YOU DECREE?

OH! A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT!

TA ~~~~~ DAA!

THE NEXT KING IS...

LET'S SEE...

GLANCE GLANCE

WSH WSH WSH

GOT IT! THANKS!

WSH WSH WSH WSH WSH WSH

FU! SIS IS NO. 6! GO FOR IT!

?

?

GLANCE

GLANCE

NO REASON!

♫

WSH WSH WSH

NO. 2... BUT WHY?

WHAT NUMBER ARE YOU, HARU?

WSH WSH

HUH?

WSH WSH

What-cha doing, Haru?

?!

WHOA!

THAT NO. 9 HUG NO. 2 FROM BEHIND FOR TEN SECONDS!

Not me.

WHAT?!

AS KING, I HEREBY DECREE...

KOFF...

Nobody else has it...

ER... I'M NO. 9...

WHAT ?!

ARE YOU NO. 2, HARU?

OOPS, SORRY. I GOT MIXED UP!

I'M NO. 2, AND SIS IS NO. 6!!

WHA...?! WAIT!!

KA SPLRF

SKW EEZ

WHAT ?!

I MEAN... BUT... YOU...

LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT THAT'S THE RULE.

I feel bad about this...

FU!!

Did you do this on purpose?!

WHSH

LUCKY HARU!

---!!!

BLRF@#△□○

OKAY, NO. 3 AND NO. 1...

OKAY, I'M NEXT.

CHATTER

CHATTER

OH! I'M NO. 1!

CHATTER

CHATTER

SHE'S A CHILD !!

THERE'S A CHILD AMONG US!!

OKAY... EVERY-BODY BRING ME CANDY!!

HMM ?

I'M THE NEXT KING?!

WHAT TIME IS IT?

HUH?

I hadn't noticed ...

SO...

IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK OUT. SHOULDN'T YOU GUYS BE GETTING HOME?

WHAT KIND OF COM-MAND IS THAT?!

FOR REAL? DO WE HAFTA ?!

YAp

YAp

YAp

EEK!

I'M NEXT! I'M NEXT!

IF WE LEAVE NOW, THOSE TWO WILL BE ALONE TOGETHER ALL NIGHT!!

GASP!!

?!

RRRUUMBLE

WHAT ?!

WE'LL SLEEP OVER TONIGHT.

WHAT'S UP, EVERYONE? ...?

I'll make a run to the store!

Then I shall also cook something for my Raku Dearest!

I'll do the dishes!

Me too!

For real? You're really all staying?!

CHATTER CHATTER

ARE DUMPLINGS OKAY?

THEN I'D BETTER MAKE DINNER.

TOTALLY SERIOUS. WE'RE GOING TO HANG OUT ALL NIGHT!!

why?!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

SLEEP OVER?

EVERYONE'S STAYING?!

Me too.

If you're staying, Sis, I guess I'll stay too...

Me too!

CHATTER CHATTER

FWAP

MMF

ZZZZZZ

ZZZZZZ

Probably ...

I DON'T KNOW.

I SUSPECT THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING...

EVEN SO...

FOR GIRLS TO STAY OVER AT A BOY'S HOUSE, THAT SHOWS TRUST.

You think so?

TEE HEE! YOU SURE ARE POPULAR, RAKU!

WOW, I DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE SERIOUS!!

NOT SINCE WE WERE ALL TOGETHER TEN YEARS AGO...

YOU KNOW ...

I'VE NEVER KICKED BACK AND HAD FUN WITH FRIENDS LIKE THIS.

KCHINK

I HAD A LOT OF FUN TODAY.

HUH?

THE CHANCE TO HANG OUT WITH EVERYONE LIKE THIS...

SO I ALWAYS YEARNED FOR THAT...

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS MY OWN AGE.

YOU KNOW I SKIPPED A LOT OF GRADES AND STUFF, RIGHT?

BUT I NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED.

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT NOT BE THE SAME.

I WORRIED EVERYONE WOULD'VE CHANGED.

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS.

BUT...

MMF MMF

...THE TRUTH IS, I WAS WORRIED.

AND YOU TOO, RAKU ...

CHITOGE AND THE REST...

EVERY-ONE'S THE SAME AS EVER!

HUH?

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, RAKU.

I'M SO GLAD.

IT'S LIKE REVISITING OLD MEMOR-IES.

AND YOU KNOW...

THANK YOU.

YOU BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER.

SO...

I REALLY HAVEN'T DONE ANY-THING.

NO...

...NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER...

SO, RAKU...

?!

HEY...

WHA—?!

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!

We used to do it all the time!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

WANT TO TAKE A BATH TOGETHER, FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?

?!

JOLT!!

DIDJA JUST SAY YER TAKIN' A BATH TOGETH-ER?!

A BATH?!

C'MON EVERYONE! THE GAME'S STARTING!!

MARIKA... YOU'RE STILL HALF ASLEEP!

TACHI-BANA?! SHH!! YOU'LL WAKE EVERY-ONE!!

Huh...?

Wake up, every-one!

WE'RE GOING TO PLAY BOARD GAMES UNTIL MORNING!!

OVER MY DEAD BODY!!

Whoa!! What hap-pened here?!

TWEET

TWEET

Kimono...
Kimono...

TAK

CHATTER CHATTER

DOOONG

DIIING

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CHATTER CHATTER

TAK

TAK

YAP YAP

I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE HERE SO EARLY...

HUH? G'MORNING, TACHIBANA.

CHATTER CHATTER

OH!

OH NOOOO!

OH!

C'MON, I KNOW YOU CAN JUST CRANK IT OUT.

NO.

I FORGOT WE HAD MATH HOMEWORK TODAY!

CAN I COPY YOURS?

Meanie!

Phooey!

SLAM

EXCUSE ME...

MR. ICHIJO?

BUT WOULD YOU MIND NOT ADDRESSING ME SO INFORMALLY...

Whaaat?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

Whudja do to her?

TAK TAK

HUH?

LAST NIGHT, AROUND 8:00.

GOING BACK IN TIME JUST A BIT...

STAY THE COURSE, MARIKA!

BE STRONG ...

TAK TAK

RUSTLE

SIGH...

SIGH

HE ALWAYS DODGES ALL OF MY ADVANCES...

HOW CAN I GET MY DARLING RAKU TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ME?

WHAT WAS MY BATTLE SCORE TODAY?

HONDA...

YES, MA'AM ...

SHOOP

TODAY, YOU TACKLED MR. ICHIJO EIGHT TIMES.

YOU HUGGED HIM 12 TIMES.

YOU TOUCHED HIM LIGHTLY ABOUT 43 TIMES.

YOU INITIATED VERBAL COMMUNICATION WITH HIM 121 TIMES.

AND HE WITH YOU ONLY FOUR TIMES.

PHOOEY!

I see...

BRISTLE!!

POKE POKE

FLIP

WHAT'S THIS?

CAN'T HE SEE HOW MUCH I CARE ABOUT HIM?!

FLAIL FLAIL

WAAAH! I WANT RAKU TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ME MORE!!

WHAT'S THIS?

WHAT'S THIS?

Secret LOVE Techniques!

If coming on strong isn't working, try pulling away!!

"IF COMING ON STRONG ISN'T WORKING, TRY PULLING AWAY"?

Being proactive in love is so important! But sometimes deliberately projecting a cool attitu can also be effective.
If you make him wonder, "Why did she back o when she's usually so aggressive?" then you wi The person you're so crazy about will suddenly be fascinated by you!

OOH!!

THIS IS GOOD STUFF!

BEING PROACTIVE IN LOVE IS SO IMPORTANT!

BUT SOMETIMES DELIBERATELY PROJECTING A COOL ATTITUDE CAN ALSO BE EFFECTIVE.

IF YOU MAKE HIM WONDER, "WHY DID SHE BACK OFF WHEN SHE'S USUALLY SO AGGRESSIVE?" THEN YOU WIN!

THE PERSON YOU'RE SO CRAZY ABOUT WILL SUDDENLY BE FASCINATED BY YOU!

B-BMP B-BMP

WHAT DID YOU DO TO MARIKA?

TAK TAK

I HAVE NO IDEA...

IT WOULD BE HARD TO ACT COLD TOWARDS MY DARLING RAKU...

...BUT MAYBE IT WOULD GET HIS ATTENTION.

I'LL GIVE IT A TRY RIGHT AWAY!

END

CHAK

SHOOP

...ACHES!!

HOW MY HEART...

BUT...IT'S A TECHNIQUE!

I HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH!

HAHH HAHH

I CAN'T BELIEVE I SPOKE TO RAKU DEAREST THAT WAY!

THIS REALLY HURTS!!

HEY, SOMEONE FORGOT TO ERASE THE BOARD! WHO'RE THE CLASS OFFICERS TODAY?

THAT'LL PIQUE HIS CURIOSITY ...

I HAVE TO KEEP AVOIDING MY RAKU DEAREST ALL DAY TODAY!

WHA...

0

Class Officers

Raku Ichijo

Marika Tachibana

DX-24 (Fr) 3

WHY TODAY...

...OF ALL DAYS?!

FIDGET FIDGET

RATS... NORMALLY IF I GOT TO WORK WITH RAKU ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

...I WOULD TACKLE HIM IMMEDIATELY!!

LOOK! A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!

GO ON, THROW YOUR ARMS AROUND HIM! ♡

NO, MARI! GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!

OOF ...
CAN'T REACH...
Aaah...
TRMBL TRMBL
SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HER USUAL SELF.
WONDER WHY TACHIBANA WAS ACTING LIKE THAT EARLIER.
Nggg/h...
B-BMP
OH.
SHFF SHFF
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE HIGH PARTS.
TAKE IT EASY.
WHAT ?!
THANK YOU, BUT NOBODY ASKED FOR YOUR HELP.
HMPH!

BUT I CAN'T TODAY... I HAVE TO BE STRONG! RESIST!

?!

?!

HE WAS SO CASUALLY STUDLY JUST NOW, I ALMOST THREW MY ARMS AROUND HIM!

Y-YIKES... THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

I COULD'VE REACHED IT ON MY OWN...

W-WHAT'S GOING ON, TACHIBANA ...?!

YOU SEEM SO DIFFERENT FROM USUAL!

DID I DO SOMETHING?

SHE'S BEEN ACTING SO COLD TO ME SINCE THIS MORNING...

W... WHAT'S COME OVER HER?

SHFF

ARE THE CLASSROOM OFFICERS HERE?

HEY ...

THE TEACHER WANTS YOU TO GATHER UP THE WORKSHEETS AND BRING THEM TO HER.

OH, NO!

TAK!

OH!

WOBBLE

OOPS!

SEEEE? YOU'RE ALL ALONE TOGETH-ER!

SIDLE UP CLOSE, SIDLE UP CLOSE! ♡

WHY, TODAY OF ALL DAYS, DO WE HAVE SO MANY CHANCES TO BE ALONE? ANY OTHER TIME...

GAH!

DON'T DO IT MARI! HANG IN THERE!

GO, GO, GO!!

OH, MY!!

W-WAIT! WAIT, WAIT!

WHOA! WATCH IT!

GRAB

YOU OKAY?

WHAT ON EARTH?!

NOW SHE'S BEING DOWNRIGHT UNFRIENDLY!

WHAT'S GOING ON, ANYWAY?

WHAAAAAT?!

WHO ASKED FOR YOUR HELP, ANYWAY?

PLIPPLY

BUT GEE, IT KIND OF HURTS WHEN SHE ACTS SO COLD.

ZING ZING

Raku Dearest!♡

WELL...IF SHE'S FED UP WITH ME, I CAN HARDLY BLAME HER.

I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT DODGE HER ADVANCES...

HERE, MS. YUI.

WE BROUGHT THE PAPERS YOU ASKED FOR.

The work-sheets.

THANK YOU.

HOORAY! IT'S WORK-ING!

HE'S NOTICING ME?!

WHOA!

HMPH!

Keep it up!

HEY, TACHI-BANA...

DID I DO SOME-THING TO UPSET YOU?

TRMBL TRMBL

NO, NOT AT ALL.

!

Library

WHAT?!

WOULD YOU TWO MIND DOING IT?

BY THE WAY...

MR. NUKUI, THE JAPANESE HISTORY TEACHER, WANTED SOMEONE TO FETCH SOME MATERIALS.

...YET AGAIN!

ALONE TOGETH-ER...

WHUD WHUD WHUD WHUD

!

SLIP

WATCH OUT!

OH!

HEY, TACHI-BANA ... I'LL GET THE ONES ON THE HIGH SHELVES.

NO. I CAN DO IT.

WELL, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

NGHHH

Ow ow ow...

ARE YOU OKAY, TACHI-BANA?

OUCH!

GO... FOR IT?

OMG OMG OMG

GO FOR IT!!

KEEP AWAY, WOULDJA?

SKRIT

TMP TMP TMP

One, two, three, four!

One, two, three, four!

TMP TMP TMP

TMP TMP TMP

One, two, three, four!

One, two, three, four!

TMP TMP

SKRIT SKRIT

BUT I WON'T GIVE IN! I WON'T!

IT'S LIKE I'M BEING TESTED!

OOF! THE TWO OF US ALONE IN THE CLASSROOM TOGETHER AT SUNSET... WHAT A SWEET SITUATION!

IT'S PROBABLY DRIVING HIM CRAZY...

TOWARD THE END THERE, I DIDN'T EVEN SPEAK TO HIM!

I'M SURE RAKU DEAREST IS DEEPLY PERPLEXED!

AT ANY RATE, I FOLLOWED THROUGH TODAY!

TOWARD THE END... I DIDN'T SPEAK A WORD TO HIM?

HMM? WHAT'S THIS STRANGE FEELING?

...GO A LITTLE TOO FAR?

DID I...

NOW WHAT? I GOT CARRIED AWAY!!

OF COURSE HE HAS! HOW COULD HE LIKE SOMEONE WHO TREATS HIM SO COLDLY?!

DON'T TELL ME HE'S HAD IT WITH ME?!

OH, NO!!

EEK!!

HEY, TACHIBANA...

TWITCH

WHAT'LL I DO? I NEVER MEANT FOR THIS TO HAPPEN...

DOES HE HATE ME? DOES HE HATE ME?

BUT THIS IS SO SUDDEN, IT'S HARD TO ACCEPT.

I'M SURE IT'S MY FAULT...

IF YOU HATE ME NOW...

...AT LEAST TELL ME WHY...

WOULD YOU TELL ME WHAT'S UP?

PLEASE...

WHAT?!

WAAAH!!

JOLT

NOOOO!!

...

YES.

THAT'S COR-RECT.

"IF COMING ON STRONG ISN'T WORKING, TRY PULLING AWAY."

IT WAS...

...A STRAT-EGY?

NO, RAKU DEAREST !!

OH!

SLUMP

AHH AH

WELL, YOU GOT ME GOOD THIS TIME.

I'M RELIEVED.

YOU DON'T HATE ME AFTER ALL!

HA HA!

WHAT A RELIEF!

I COULD NEVER...

EVER, EVER!

...HATE YOU!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!

RAKU DEAREST SEEMS SO GLAD THAT I DON'T HATE HIM.

I'M RELIEVED.

...THANK YOU.

WELL ... ...

NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

OF COURSE NOT! DON'T BE SILLY!

...DID YOU START TO DISLIKE ME TODAY?

RAKU DEAREST ...

KA-FWA

I LOVE YOU, RAKKY!

M!!

HLG!!

Raku Deeeeaw-est!!

WAKE UP!!

BFLFR FLRBLR

OH!! RAKU DEAREST, YOUR NECK'S JAMMED AT A WEIRD ANGLE...

...

I'VE JUST GOT TO BE MY PROACTIVE SELF! ☆

TA——DA!

Aggressive Love

Go Get Your Man

TA-DAA! LOOK AT THE BOOKS I BOUGHT!

A FEW DAYS LATER ...

Nothing...

What happened to your neck?

Angel Marika & Demon Marika

The avatar of love who rules Marika's conscience. When Marika's id starts to get the better of her, Angel Marika whispers admonitions and keeps Marika in check. But at a certain point, certain stimuli overcome her, and she joins forces with Demon Marika. Not highly dependable.

Favorite thing:
Raku Dearest
Least Favorite Thing:
Unrequited love
Special Move:
Angel Pretty Impact
(Move where she hugs Raku)

The evil entity who rules Marika's id. Eggs Marika on from the inside and drives her to acts of sexual harassment. But even when she takes a break, Marika continues to commit sexual harassment, leading her to wonder, "Why am I here?"

Favorite Thing:
Raku Dearest
Least Favorite Thing:
Unfufillment
Special Move:
Evil Diver Go to Hell
(Move where she hugs Raku)

Newspaper Club

...WE'LL DO A SPECIAL FOCUS ARTICLE RELATED TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

SO, AS WE DO EVERY YEAR...

DIIING DOOONG

BET THEY'VE GOT SOME INTER-ESTING STORIES!

YEAH, THEY'RE THE MOST WELL-KNOWN COUPLE AT BONYARI HIGH.

WHO'S GOING TO INTERVIEW THEM?

SURE! THOSE TWO ARE FAMOUS!

WE'RE PLANNING AN ARTICLE ON THE COUPLE WHO PLAYED THE LEADS IN *ROMEO AND JULIET* LAST YEAR. IS THAT OKAY WITH EVERYONE?

YOU'RE OUR ACE REPORTER!

YES. AND YOUR ARTICLES ARE ALWAYS SO GOOD.

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED DOING A STORY ON THEM, RIGHT?

THEN IT'S SETTLED!

I'LL GO! MEEEE!!

I WIIIIIILL!!

RIGHT!

GOOD!

OKAY! THE ASSIGNMENT'S YOURS, MIMIKO!

MIMIKO KIKI AT YOUR SERVICE!

IN THE NAME OF JOURNAL-ISTIC EXCEL-LENCE!

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GRIN

AN INTERVIEW? I WONDER WHAT THIS'LL BE LIKE! ♡

TEE HEE HEE ♡

Audiovisual Room

Newspaper Club

OH WELL, WHATEVER.

BUT WHY NOW?

OH!

OVER HERE, ICHIJO AND KIRISAKI!

WOW, I'M SO EXCITED!

I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER BEFORE!

YEAH, THAT WAS QUITE AN EVENT...

IT'S ABOUT LAST YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL, HUH?

THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH ME.

MY NAME IS MIMIKO KIKI. I'M A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT, AND I'LL BE CONDUCTING YOUR INTERVIEW TODAY.

THANK YOU!

INTERESTING. THEY SENT A FIRST-YEAR...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

NO PROBLEM!

ASK US ANYTHING!

NOW, I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS...

AHEM.

FORGIVE ME. I OWE YOU BOTH AN APOLOGY BEFORE WE BEGIN...

...?

...?

HUH?

OH, THERE'S NO NEED TO EXPLAIN.

OH... BY THE WAY, KOSAKI IS...

OF COURSE, I DO FEEL A LITTLE BAD ABOUT BEING THE ONE INTER-VIEWED HERE...

...SINCE IT WAS REALLY KOSAKI'S PART. I WAS JUST FILLING IN.

GRIN

A DIFFER-ENT...

BUT IN FACT, I HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AGENDA.

...TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BONYARI HIGH'S MOST FAMOUS COUPLE.

AND ...

THE OFFICIAL REASON I'M HERE TODAY IS TO INTERVIEW THE COUPLE WHO PLAYED *ROMEO AND JULIET* LAST YEAR...

...AGENDA?

What is it?

I SUSPECT THAT YOU TWO AREN'T A REAL COUPLE.

ACTUAL-LY...

WAIT A MINUTE...!!!

WHAAAAAT?!!

WHA...

LIKE YOU'RE PUTTING ON AN ACT, FOR SOME REASON.

I HEAR A LOT ABOUT YOU TWO, BUT SOMEHOW IT JUST SEEMS UNNATURAL TO ME.

HONESTLY, I LOVE DATING GOSSIP MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD!

YEAH... WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

ER... ERM... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, I'LL PUT IT THIS WAY...

ALL I KNOW IS... THIS IS BAD!! SOMEHOW, SHE'S TOTALLY SEEN THROUGH OUR ACT!!

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHERE'S THIS GOING?!

PANIC

PANIC

PANIC

SHE'S SHARP!!

I GET THE SENSE THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE YOU BOTH TO PRETEND YOU'RE DATING A PERSON YOU ACTUALLY DON'T EVEN LIKE.

SO?

TELL ME THE TRUTH! AM I RIGHT?

JOLT

IT WOULD MAKE A GREAT ARTICLE. I'M DYING TO KNOW!

BUT IF I'M RIGHT... THAT'S A HUGE SCOOP, RIGHT?

OF COURSE, I'M JUST GUESSING.

...

WE HAVE TO KEEP HER FROM FINDING OUT. NO MATTER WHAT!!

BUT IF SHE FINDS OUT THE TRUTH AND WRITES AN ARTICLE ABOUT IT...WE'RE IN MAJOR TROUBLE!!

MAYBE THE SHARPEST WE'VE EVER DEALT WITH!!

W-W-WHAT NOW?! SHE'S WAY TOO SHARP!!

OHOH

OHOH

GREAT! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

OF COURSE, IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, WE'RE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU WANT TO ASK US!

ABSO-LUTELY, HONEY!

GEE, IT'S KIND OF SAD THAT SHE CAN'T SEE HOW HAPPY WE ARE TOGETHER, DON'T YOU AGREE, DARLING?

AHEM...

SAY WHAT? FAKE DATING?

WOW... WHAT A SHOCK!

BLEFE

FIRST OF ALL, I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE A BRIDE-TO-BE?

THEN, MOVING RIGHT ALONG ...

MY FIRST QUESTION IS FOR YOU, ICHIJO...

B-BMP

WELL YOU SEE, DARLING HERE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS ENGAGED WHEN WE FIRST STARTED DATING...

ER... AH...

OUCH. THAT'S A SORE SUBJECT...

KOFF KOFF

DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT BEING TRUE TO KIRISAKI?

NOW, LET'S BE FRANK. ISN'T THAT CHEATING?

?

WELL, I DID GET A VERY INTERESTING COMMENT ON THE TOPIC FROM AN UNNAMED SOURCE...

I SEE!

RRRR

BEEP

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS SO SOLID THAT THE FACT THAT HE HAS A FIANCÉE ISN'T A THREAT!

BESIDES, WE TRUST EACH OTHER!

IT'S TRUE. I'M RAKU'S INTENDED!

YES. ♡

SHE'S SCARY THOROUGH!

ACTUALLY, I'VE ALREADY CONDUCTED A VERY THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF YOU TWO...

YES?

CAN I BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU?

OH!

THIS IS INFORMANT M.T.

THAT BLACK BAR IS POINTLESS!

We totally know her!

HEH.

OH, THAT. A TRIFLING MATTER.

!

WELL, I UNDERSTAND THAT ICHIJO IS CURRENTLY DATING KIRISAKI...

I SEE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I HOPE YOU TIRE OF THE WENCH SOON, RAKU DEAREST! ♡

Byeee!! ♡

GEEZ, SHE'S GOT SOME NERVE!!

WHEE EEEE...

EVENTUALLY, MY DARLING RAKU IS FATED TO BE MINE!

I'M VERY BROADMINDED.

IT TROUBLES ME NOT!

MEN HAVE TO SOW THEIR WILD OATS, YOU KNOW.

...REALLY DOESN'T CHANGE OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER.

ALSO, THE FACT THAT RAKU'S ENGAGED...

I SEE. PERHAPS SO.

WELL... THAT'S JUST HER OPINION, RIGHT?!

...!!

HAHH HAHH

THAT'S ONE OPINION I ENCOUN-TERED!

THERE'S MORE?!

HAVE A LOOK AT THIS.

I'VE ALSO HEARD FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT ICHIJO SPENDS A LOT OF TIME WITH A LOT OF GIRLS.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ISSUE.

HUH?!

WE CAN TOTAL-LY SEE WHO SHE IS!!

THE BLACK BAR ISN'T IN THE RIGHT SPOT!

AN INTER-VIEW?

Besides... "O. Nodera" ?!

WELL, I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH EDITING TIME...

TA DAA!

THIS IS MS. K.O. NODERA, ONE OF THE GIRLS ICHIJO SPENDS A LOT OF TIME WITH.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE HER IDEN-TITY!

KO-SAKI ?!

WHAT ?

CAN I HELP YOU WITH SOME-THING?

B-BMP B-BMP

WELL... ACTU-ALLY...

ER... UM...

PLEASE, COVER FOR US!

COME ON, KOSAKI!

!!!

HUH?!

ACTUALLY, I'M INVESTIGATING THE THEORY THAT ICHIJO AND KIRISAKI AREN'T A REAL COUPLE...

AND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM, AREN'T YOU?

BESIDES, I UNDERSTAND ICHIJO SPENDS QUITE A LOT OF TIME WITH OTHER GIRLS.

HUH?! ME?!

ONODERAAA!!!

THEY'RE A PERFECT COUPLE... DON'T YOU AGREE?

Doo de doo de dooo

I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

EEEEP!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?!

?!

WELL, FOR EXAM-PLE...

HE WAS AT YOUR HOUSE THE NIGHT OF THE TYPHOON... AND YOU EXCHANGED CELL NUMBERS, RIGHT?

ALL RIGHT. NEXT...

BEEP!

THERE'S MORE?!

N... NOTHING HAPPENED BETWEEN US!

IT WAS WHEN I WAS WORKING AT THE SHOP!

NO!! I WAS HELPING AT THE SHOP!!

AHEM. WHAT'S THIS, DARLING?

OH? WELL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

I WAS SHORT ON TIME, OKAY?

IT'S NOT SERVING ANY PURPOSE!!

IT'S JUST IN THE WAY!!

QUIVER QUIVER

A FALSE COUPLE, YOU SAY?

WHAT?

N-NOW WHAT? TSUGUMI HAS NO IDEA...

TA-DAA!

YOUR CLASSMATE, T.GUMI S.SHIRO.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT BLACK BAR NOW?!

TSUGUMI...

HMM?

HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

I'VE NEVER SEEN THE YOUNG MISTRESS SO HAPPY.

RAKU ICHIJO ASIDE...

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE FELT THAT WAY.

BUT NOW IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT THEIR LOVE IS REAL.

SURE, I ALSO HAD MY DOUBTS IN THE BEGINNING...

PHEW!

OF COURSE THEY'RE A REAL COUPLE!

HA! THAT'S ABSURD!

WHAT?!

?!

DO YOU ALSO HAVE A CRUSH ON ICHIJO?

OH... YOU MEAN MARIKA TACHI-BANA?

BUT ICHIJO SEEMS TO HAVE OTHER WOMEN IN HIS LIFE...

YES... HE DOES HAVE SOME CULPA-BILITY THERE...

WHAAAT?

HOW'D YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THAT?!

?!!

I UNDERSTAND YOU LET HIM SEE YOU IN YOUR UNDERWEAR ON A LUXURY YACHT?

RAKU ICHIJO IS THE MISTRESS'S BOYFRIEND! HOW COULD I...?!

TH-TH-TH-THAT'S CRAZY!!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT BLACK BAR?!

WAIT A MINUTE...

MOVING RIGHT ALONG...

I SWEAR, NOTHING HAPPENED!!

DO EXPLAIN ...

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

COME BACK HERE!!

WAIT A MINUTE... WHERE'D YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT?!

SHU?!

YOU ACTUALLY SCRAM-BLED HIS WHOLE FACE?!

ANOTHER CLASS-MATE, M-KO SHU.

THE LOOK ON HIS FACE WAS JUST TOO INDECENT ...

ON THE CON-TRARY, THEY'RE TOTALLY HOT 'N' HEAVY!

WHO'S THAT?!

ZZZT!

WHAT? NOT A REAL COUPLE?

HAHAHA

YOU MUST BE JOKING!

AUGH!! WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?!

THEY'RE ALWAYS DOING THIS 'N' THAT AND OTHER STUFF... Tee hee hee ♡

THEY'RE TOTALLY ALL OVER EACH OTHER THESE DAYS, EVEN IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE...

ER... WE ARE...

IT'S JUST THAT...WE'RE VERY MODEST. WE LIKE TO BE PRIVATE ABOUT THINGS....

HUH?!

? ! You aren't hot 'n' heavy?

HMM?

IT'S NOT TRUE, THEN?

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING WAY TOO UPSET?

YOU'VE BEEN TOGETHER A WHOLE YEAR, AFTER ALL.

THAT'S A STRANGE REAC-TION.

N-N-NO!!

THIS IS A TOTALLY NORMAL REAC-TION!!

I'm pretty sure!

SHUT UP, SHU!!

THEY'RE ALWAYS XXXX AND XXXX WITH XXXX AND XXXX...

AND IN PRIVATE, THEY'RE EVEN MORE OUT-OF-CONTROL!

OH...

YUI... WHAT'RE YOU DRIVING AT?!

TEE HEE HEE... YES, GOOD QUESTION!

OH? YOU THINK THEY'RE JUST PRETEND-ING?

DOES YUI SUSPECT US TOO?!

...

HUH? ICHIJO AND CHITOGE?

OH, UH, YEAH. THEY'RE A COUPLE. TOTALLY.

ZZZT

BUT THE REPORTS I GOT FROM OTHER PARTIES WERE ALSO UNCON-VINCING...

GEEZ, RURI!

DE-FEND US A LITTLE, WOULD YA?!

THE TRUTH IS, WE...

W-W-WAIT! HEAR ME OUT!!

STAAAARE

YOU'RE BEING CALLED TO THE OFFICE?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

OH, I REMEMBER!

I REPEAT, RAKU ICHIJO...

PLEASE REPORT TO THE TEACHER'S ROOM IMMEDIATELY TO SPEAK WITH MR. KASAI.

RAKU ICHIJO, RAKU ICHIJO OF SECOND YEAR CLASS C...

DIIING DOOONG ♫

HUH?

WHAT?!

WAIT!!

RATS!!

I FORGOT... MR. KASAI WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT THE SCHOOL ANIMALS.

SORRY, CHITOGE... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

...

WELL THEN...

OOF?!

ER... WE'RE NOT SHAKEN UP! WE JUST... WE...

IF YOU'RE REALLY DATING, WHY WOULD MY QUESTIONS SHAKE YOU UP SO MUCH...

YOU TWO ARE SO SUSPICIOUS.

STAARE

JOLT

ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH ICHIJO?

OR NOT?

I'LL ASK YOU STRAIGHT OUT.

TELL ME THE TRUTH.

JOLT

!!

STARE

OF COURSE I...

...!!

I...I...

I...

HON-ESTLY ...

I...

I...

...

I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM.

I REALLY AM...!!

...

I SEE.

VERY WELL THEN.

OH MY GOSH!! I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT!!

KSHHHH

I STILL HAVE CERTAIN DOUBTS, BUT I CAN TELL THAT YOU MEANT WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

I CONSIDER MYSELF A GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER.

SO I'LL DROP THE SCOOP.

INSTEAD...

I'LL JUST GO WITH THE ORIGINAL STORY WE HAD PLANNED.

MIMIKO...!

Thanks for under-standing!

AS A JOURNALIST, I COULDN'T PUBLISH SOMETHING I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE OF.

NOOOO!!

Please, delete that!!

Oh, come on...

ABOUT BONYARI HIGH'S NO. 1 COUPLE, AND HOW CRAZY THEY ARE FOR EACH OTHER!

Caran

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HUH?

HAHH HAHH

What?!

JUST A FEW MORE QUESTIONS... ♡

Chitoge: "Hey! Whendja take this?!"?

Mimiko: "Shall I print it for you?"

Chitoge: "Yes!!!" ✧

Chitoge: "I mean, no! Delete it!!"?

Mimiko: "Awww..."

Chapter 131: Plot

BENEATH THE COOL AUTUMN SKY...

POP POP

YAPYAP

AT BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL, TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE...

...SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

Bonyari High Festiva

FRUIT PUNCH

PRINCESS KAGUYA

RUN, BELLS!

GHOST

1-1 HOST

2-3 GENICHI

CHUKKOS

WELCOME!!

CHATTER CHATTER

3-1 SUSHI

HAUNTED HOUSE

Come see our bazaar!

Class 3A is performing live music! Get your tickets here!

LET'S JUST RELAX AND HAVE FUN!

GEE, NOW THAT THE BIG DAY IS HERE, I'M GETTING NERVOUS!

CREPES

2-A HUGE SIZE

TEE HEE HEE! WELL, IT'S NOT EVERY DAY I GET TO BE A VAMPIRE!

SHEESH, YOU'VE SAID THAT A HUNDRED TIMES ALREADY!

BLEH! WANT ME TO DRINK YOUR BLOOD, HARU?

HAUNTED HOUSE

WE DID A GOOD JOB PUTTING IT TOGETHER.

YEAH, EVERYONE GOT REALLY INTO IT.

A HAUNTED HOUSE...

IT'S KINDA TRITE, BUT STILL FUN.

WELL? STILL NO CUSTOMERS?!

MWA HA HA HAAA!!

NOW, LET'S HOPE OUR LITTLE PLOT WORKS...

NOD

McCoy, give us a hand, would ya?

Wait till I show 'em my stuff!

EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A SCAREDY CAT!

PAULA SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING HERSELF.

THAT'LL GET THINGS ROLLING BETWEEN THEM!!!

Eek!

OUR PLOT TO SCARE THOSE TWO IN THE DARK...RIGHT INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS!

OH, RIGHT!

I'LL GO DO THAT NOW!

DID YOU INVITE THEM YET?

LET'S HOPE IT WORKS!

...BUT THOSE TWO SEEM TO REALLY NEED A JUMP-START!

AND... THIS IS TRIVIAL TOO...

WAIT, TSUGUMI!

HEY!

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHAT'S THEIR CLASS DOING IN THE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR?

OH! IT'S YOU, HARU!

GOOD MORNING!

HMM?

Eek!

YOU LOOK GREAT!! IT'S PERFECT !!

WOW! ALICE IN WONDER-LAND!

EH HEH HEH HEH HEH... HEH... HEH HEH...

Thanks♡

...AND THIS IS THE COS-TUME I DREW.

WELL, OUR CLASS IS DOING A COSPLAY CAFÉ...

HEH HEH HEH...

WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?!

KIRI-SAKI?!

C'MON... JUST ONE PHOTO!

OH! THERE'S TSUGUMI!

WHSH

LLLUGH ...

NOOO... I'M SO EMBAR-RASSED...

*NOTE: A KUNOICHI IS A FEMALE NINJA.

...DOING THE COS-PLAY THING?

IS ICHIJO ALSO...

GASP!

YEAH... WHAT AN UNBEATABLE COMBO, RIGHT?!

Cuz she's an assassin!

EEEK!! TSUGUMI, YOU'RE A KUNOICHI?! YOU LOOK AMAZING!!

Japanese style... nice!

ASSAS-SINS DON'T HAVE TO BE NINJA U ...

OH...

YOU WERE LOOKING FOR RAKU?

CLAIMED

AFTER

!!

WHAT IS IT?

Haru's looking for you!

Yes?

HEEEEY, DARLING!

AM I A SUCKER FOR TRADITIONAL JAPANESE STUFF OR WHAT?!

YOU A WITCH?

WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT?

HEY. G'MORNING, HARU.

HE LOOKS HOT!!!

21B

HE...

YOU LIKE IT?

I'M A SAMURAI!

HUH?

RAKU...

YOUR OUTFIT...

WHAT?

HECK NO!

YOU LIKE THIS KINDA THING, DON'T YOU HARU?

RIGHT?

WELL, WE DREW LOTS, BUT I THINK I GOT PRETTY LUCKY.

WELL, I'M KINDA SUR-PRISED.

FOR YOU, THESE ARE ACTUALLY FAIRLY DECENT...

TEE HEE HEE... TALENT, MY FRIEND, PURE TALENT... ♡

HOW'D YOU SCARE UP SO MANY COSTUMES ANYWAY?

I expected something more... inappropriate!

SHOOP

WELL, I THINK EVERYONE LOOKS GREAT!

SHU...

RURI!

Thank you!

JUST AS YOU'D EXPECT, HIS ORIGINAL IDEAS WERE WAY SLEAZY!

I DID SOME CENSORING.

YOU ALWAYS SAVE THE DAY!

I AM ALWAYS THE MODEL OF DECORUM, AM I NOT?

WHY, YOU CUT ME TO THE QUICK!

LIAR!

Eek!

BO OT!

OH!

RAKU DEAR-EST!

WELL, WE DREW LOTS, 'BANA.

TA—DAA

I WANTED SOMETHING ATTRAC-TIVE!

EEK!

HOW COME I HAFTA WEAR THIS?

NO WAY. YOU'D GET WAY OUT OF HAND!

MIYAMOTO! GIVE ME ONE OF THE SEXY COSTUMES YOU CONFISCATED FROM MAIKO!

Whaaat?!

WELL... YOU LOOK GREAT! REALLY!

RAKU DEAREST, IT'S SO UNFAAAAIR! WHY MEEE?

NOOOO! I'M SOOO EMBAR-RASSED TO BE SEEN LIKE THIS!!

OKAY, KOSAKI! C'MON, COME OUT ALREADY!

Dressing Room

OOO?

COME TO THINK OF IT... WHERE'S SIS?

OH... HER...

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? SO?

HUH? OH, RIGHT!

UM... WAIT...

HUH? HARU?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING H...

EEK! KOSAKI, YOU LOOK ADORABLE!!

AAALIGH... DON'T LOOK AT ME, EVERY-ONE...

IT'S REALLY A GREAT LOOK FOR YOU, ONODERA.

KSHHHHHH

I DON'T LOOK GOOD. I LOOK WEIRD!

A GODDESS?!

AN ANGEL?!

WHATEVER SHE IS, SHE LOOKS FANTASTIC!!

SIS, YOU LOOK AMAZING!!

YOU'RE SOOO CUUUTE !!!

I SMILED, THAT'S ALL...

I'M NOT LAUGHING. I SWEAR I'M NOT.

SHE LOOKS SO AWESOME.

AAAAH! I CAN'T TAKE IT!

FLAIL FLAIL

YOU'RE LAUGHING AT ME, AREN'T YOU, ICHIJO?!

AAAGH!

.....

SURE, WHY NOT?

...

DO YOU TWO HAVE ANY TIME THIS MORNING?

YES!

I'D REALLY LIKE IT IF YOU'D COME SEE IT.

HUH?

TIVAL!

YOU'RE INVITING US TO YOUR HAUNTED HOUSE?

OKAY. WE'LL COME CHECK IT OUT.

WELL, I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!

YEAH.

I'M NOT UP TO ANYTHING!

PUH-LEASE!

BUT... WHAT'RE YOU UP TO, HARU?

OH, HARUUU...

WELL...

ONLY IF IT'S REALLY AUTHEN-TIC...

I MEAN, WE KNOW THEY'RE GONNA TRY TO SCARE US...

YEAH... IT'S ONLY A SCHOOL FESTIVAL HAUNTED HOUSE.

ONODERA, DO YOU GET SCARED BY THIS KINDA THING?

GEE, THEY PUT IN A LOT OF WORK.

THIS IS REALLY WELL DONE.

Y-YEAH...

Me too...

TH-TH-TH-THAT SCARED ME!!

SHFF SHFF

Aiiee!!

JOLT!

AAUGH!!

NO... IT'S OKAY... IT'S COOL!

WHOA...IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?!

Dude... This is awesome!!

S...SORRY, ICHIJO...!!

OH NO... WHAT'M I DOING?!

OH!

...AND...

I'M KINDA... ENJOYING THIS.

BA-DMP

HUH?!

She is?!

Y-YOU OKAY?

WE COULD STOP...

BUT I DON'T WANT TO...

NO...I'M FINE. TOTALLY FINE!

WELL...

REMEMBER THE HAUNTED FOREST THING ON OUR CLASS TRIP LAST YEAR? YOU AND I MISSED OUT, RIGHT?

SO YOU KNOW...

IT KINDA MAKES UP FOR THAT...

RUSTLE

HEH HEH HEH...

I WANT TO PROTECT HER!!

BESIDES, I'LL BE ON MY GUARD NOW!!

WHOA!! SHE WAS SOOOO ADORABLE JUST NOW!!

I'LL TRY NOT TO BOTHER YOU AGAIN!

Sorry 'bout that!

GO AHEAD AND BE SCARED!

OKAY... WHATEVER JUMPS OUT AT US, I WON'T BE SCARED AGAIN!

THIS'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE! ♫

I KNOW ALL OF SIS'S WEAK-NESSES...

OKAY, TIME TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS!

GO

WELL, THIS IS GOING JUST AS PLANNED!

FWAP

HUH?

*NOTE: KONNYAKU IS A JELLYLIKE FOODSTUFF MADE FROM A ROOT VEGETABLE.

YES! NOW!

SHOOP SHOOP

?!!

WHAT?! For real?!

SHUP

KONNYAKU JELLY!!

AAAUGH!!

FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
AIIEEEEE!!
SKWEEZ
YIIIIIKES!
OH NO!! NOT KONNYAKU JELLYYYY!!
WHAT?!
KON-NYAKU JELLY?!
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE TO EAT IT, BUT...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY AFRAID OF IT?!
Were you trauma-tized by konnyaku as a child?!
BLARG!!
EEEEEEK!
Hyeeeep
NOOOO!!
BWAAAA
I-I-I-I-I I'M SORRY, ICHIJO...
I... I...
IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ONODERA LIKE THIS...
OH!

KA-FWUD

EEK!

SHUF

WHA ...?!

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE EXIT!

EXIT

ONODERA! OVER THERE!

Ow ow ow...

OH...

ONO-DERA, YOU'RE BLEEDING ...

HEY...

HUH?

Geez, how embar-rassing!

I'M REALLY SORRY.

FREAK-ING OUT LIKE THIS...

NO... I WAS SCARED TOO!

You okay?

EEEK!! I'M SO SORRY, ICHIJO!!

I'M FINE... JUST FINE...

HEE HEE! THAT WENT REALLY WELL!

I'M SURE THEY BOTH...

IT BROUGHT THEM EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER THAN I'D EXPECTED.

HOLD ON, I'LL GET YOU A BAND-AID.

IT'S NOT OKAY!

JUST A LITTLE SCRAPE.

OH, IT'S OKAY.

I'M BEING SUCH AN IDIOT!

I MADE UP MY MIND TO SUPPORT THEIR RELATIONSHIP!

WHY AM I FEELING BLUE? THAT'S SO STUPID!!

HUH ?!

ONODERA HURT HERSELF, JUST A LITTLE.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

SURE.

YOU GUYS DID A GREAT JOB. WE WERE PRETTY SCARED.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE WAS REALLY FUN.

OH...

YEAH... THANKS ...

OH!

IT'S YOU, HARU!

JOLT

IF YOU'RE TIRED, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE A REST...

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

HEY, HARU!

?!

JOLT

PHEW

HURRY UP AND GO GET THAT BAND-AID!

NOPE.

I'M DOING GREAT!

SHEESH.

HE'S SO DENSE...BUT PERCEPTIVE TOO.

BE RIGHT BACK!

OH, OKAY THEN.

THERE YOU ARE, HARU!

OH!

THIS IS NO GOOD.

I HAVEN'T...

...LET GO AT ALL.

YOU KNOW THE BEAUTY CONTEST THIS AFTERNOON?

OH, AND I FORGOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, HARU...

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, FU.

YEP. A BIG SUCCESS.

WELL?

DID IT WORK?

YEAH, I HEARD ABOUT IT...

HUH?

?

YOU'RE WELCOME!

BLREF

WELL, I SIGNED YOU UP!

WHY?!

WITHOUT ASKING YOU.

WHAAAAAAA

WHY WOULD YOU DO A THING LIKE THAT?!

BUT WHY?!

AT

WHAT?!

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE. ♡

PLUS, IT'S MY FEE FOR HELPING YOU WITH YOUR PLOT.

O-OF COURSE I'M NOT!! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

BECAUSE YOU'RE THE CUTEST GIRL IN THE SCHOOL!

CHECK THIS OUT, HARU.

HEY!

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!

ME IN A BEAUTY CONTEST?

MISS BUNNY

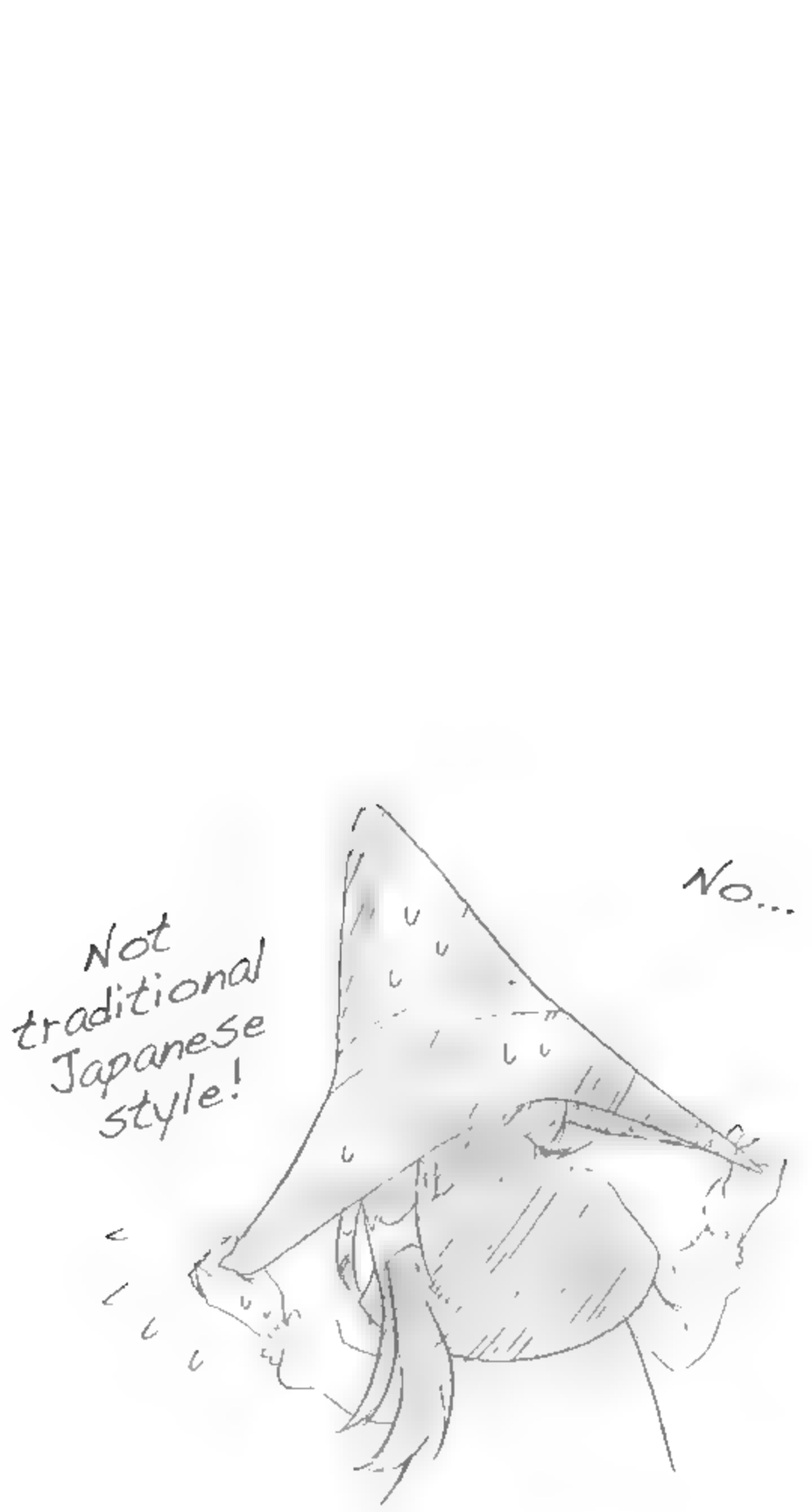
You're the Star!

NOTE
Special guest judges:
Last year's Romeo and Juliet...
• Raku Ichijo
• Chitoge Kirisaki

...AAAT?!

Break a leg!

WHAooo


Not traditional Japanese style!
No...

Chapter 132: Beauty Contest

NISEKOI
False Love

NTED HOUSE!
CURSED!
COME!
HAUNTED HOUSE
入口
KAWAII
A BEAUTY CONTEST?!
YOU WANT ME TO COMPETE ...?!
NO WAY NO WAY NO WAAAAY!
AND THERE ARE PRIZES!
WELL, YOU'RE CUTE, HARU.
I'M SURE YOU'LL DO GREAT!
SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO ENJOY IT!
ANYWAY, IT'S ALREADY DECIDED.
UGH...
I KNOW, BUT...
TEE HEE HEE... MAYBE RAKU WILL CHOOSE YOU, HARU.
AND WHAT'S UP WITH THIS? RAKU AND CHITOGE ARE JUDGES...
...
I TOLD YOU... I DON'T...
Beauty Contest

JOLT

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, ONODERA!

THERE'S A PRELIMINARY ROUND AND A FINAL ROUND...

I FEEL SO SELF-CONSCIOUS...

SIGH... I HAVE TO COMPETE IN A BEAUTY CONTEST IN FRONT OF RAKU...

Sorry, Ichijo!

CHATTER CHATTER

I'M SURE I'LL GET ELIMINATED IN THE FIRST ROUND...

IT'LL BE OKAY.

WELL...

MISS BONYARI

PLAY ROCK PAPER

Miss Bonyari Contest This Way!

CHATTER CHATTER

YAP YAP

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

TING-A-LING

...WILL BEGIN MOMENTARILY!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE LONG-AWAITED ...

...MISS BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTY CONTEST...

WELL, IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, FOLKS!

WHAT WILL THIS YEAR'S CONTEST BRING?

CHATTER CHATTER

LAST YEAR, ROMEO AND JULIET MADE OFF WITH ALL THE PRIZES!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

SHU MAIKO!

ALLOW ME TO PRESENT THE BONYARI HIGH MALE POPULATION'S FOREMOST FEMININE APPRECIATOR AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS CONTEST'S ORGANIZING COMMITTEE...

SERVING AS OUR EMCEE AND COMMENTATOR TODAY...

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME!

COMMENTATORS

WHICH LOVELY MADEMOISELLE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS THIS YEAR?

I'M CONFIDENT IT'S GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC COMPETITION!

AND I MUST SAY, IT'S QUITE THE GROUP OF GLITTERING GEM-STONES!

WELL, I SNUCK A PEEK AT THIS YEAR'S CONTEST-ANTS...

NO, no!

You're not going to compete, teacher?

YOU REALLY SEEM TO BE ENJOYING YOURSELF.

UH, SURE.

I've been looking forward to this!

ROMEO, CARE TO COMMENT?

...LAST YEAR'S ROMEO AND JULIET!

ALL RIGHT. AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPECIAL GUEST JUDGES...

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

TEE HEE! ♡

THIS WILL BE GREAT!

OH NO! THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE...

NOBODY TOLD ME IT WAS THIS HUGE!!

ALL RIGHT, EVERY-BODY!!

TIME TO BEGIN THE MISS BONYARI HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTY CONTEST!!

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP CLAP

I'M SO...

WOW... THEY'RE ALL SO BEAUTIFUL, EXCEPT FOR ME!

WAIT A SEC....

NO, YOU'RE NOT!

BE CONFI-DENT!

I'M GOING TO BE HUMILIATED IN FRONT OF A HUGE CROWD OF PEOPLE!!

NO, IT WON'T!!

...LOOKS ODDLY FAMILIAR...

HUH? THAT GIRL...

LET'S GIVE HER A HAND, LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN!

THAT WAS MISS ITANI, ENTRY NO. 11!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

SHF

WEAR THIS! ♡

?!

NOT TO WORRY! ♡

I DIDN'T BRING OTHER CLOTHES...

HEY... SPEAKING OF WHICH, AM I COMPETING IN THIS COSTUME?

OOOOOOH

CLOP

COME ON IN!

ENTRY NO. 12!

AND NOW FOR OUR NEXT CONTES-TANT...

BON YARI C

OOOH

AAAH

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

She's competing?!

What a cute outfit!

HUH?! HARU?!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

WHAT A CUTIE!!

NO. 12, ROCKING AN ADORABLE JAPANESE OUTFIT!

WOWZA!!

WHEN DID SHE MAKE THIS?!

I MADE IT!

YOU MADE IT?!

WEAR THIS, HARU!

HUH?! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

HOW LONG HAS FU BEEN PLOTTING THIS, ANYWAY?

UM, FANK YOU FOR YOUR SUP-PLORT.

OOPS!

UM... I...

I'M HARU ONO-BEARA, CLASS 1A.

YOUR NAME AND YOUR GRADE, PLEASE!

OKAY, NOW!

BA-DMP!

RIGHT!

HUH?

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW ATTRACTIVE YOU ARE!!

HEE HEE... OH, HARU!

AWWW

So cutie!

AWWW

Niiice

AWWWWWWWW

What a cutie!!

Go, Haru!!

I WANT TO DIE...

OH, GEEZ...

RIGHT!!

WE'RE GOING TO CHEER FOR HARU!!

C'MON, GUYS!

IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED A THING OR TWO ABOUT YOURSELF...

...HARU IS A JUICY, TART VALENCIA ORANGE!

IF THE ELDER SISTER IS A SWEET, LUSCIOUS STRAWBERRY...

THE YOUNGER SISTER OF KOSAKI ONODERA, ONE OF BONYARI HIGH'S SEVEN SUPER-STARS!

OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T LET THESE GUYS HAVE HER...

YEAH!!

LET'S GO, MEN!!

...WE LIKE THE SPUNKY, ENERGETIC HARU EVEN MORE!

WHILE WE ADORE THE PRIM, LADYLIKE ELDER SISTER...

MY FAMILY RUNS A JAPANESE SWEET SHOP IN THE BONYARI SHOPPING DISTRICT...

ER... WELL...

HUH?! RIGHT!!

W-WHAT MAKES ME SPECIAL ..?!

ALL RIGHT...

INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND SHARE WHAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL!

TUNK!!

Awesome!!

OOPS. THAT WAS A SHAMELESS PLUG.

SO FOR ALL OF YOUR DESSERT NEEDS, PLEASE VISIT OUR SHOP...

AND WE OFFER A SELECTION OF JAPANESE SWEETS WITH SEASONAL FRESH INGREDIENTS.

OUR MOTTO IS "REFINED, DELICATE FLAVOR."

BWA HA HA HA HA HA

BADMP

?!!

UM... WELL...

HUH ?!

NOW, HOW ABOUT A QUESTION FROM SPECIAL GUEST JUDGE ICHIJO?

SHOOP

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

HARU'S DOING GREAT.

CLAP CLAP

OOOH

WELL, I LIKE EVERY KIND OF JAPANESE SWEET...

UM, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

WELL...

UM ...

WELL THEN...

KOFF...

TRY SOMETHING LOVE RELATED!

UH...

C'MON ...

HAVEN'T YOU GOT ANYTHING BETTER THAN THAT?!

LOVE RELATED ...?!

FIDGET FIDGET

WHICH ONE? WHICH ONE?

BLRFF!

?

OOOOOH!!

HLF?!

WOULD YOU PREFER TO DATE SOMEONE OLDER OR YOUNGER?

CHOICES

1) LIE

2) TELL THE TRUTH

NOW WHAT?

GREAT... OF ALL THE PEOPLE TO GET GRILLED BY...

GIVE IT UP, FOLKS!

THAT WAS HARU, ENTRY NO. 12!!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

Phew ...

THAT ... ...WAS EXHAUST-ING...

WELL, WELL! HARU PREFERS OLDER MEN!!

ISN'T THAT GREAT, GUYS?

OOOOOH!!

SOMEONE OLDER? S...

NEXT UP, ENTRY NO. 13!!

WELL, AT LEAST IT'S OVER.

NOW I CAN GO HOME...

Phew...

MURMUR

OOOH... WHAT'S THIS?!

MURMUR MURMUR

Is it her?

PAULA...?

?

WHOOOA!

WHO ON EARTH IS THIS FLAXEN-HAIRED STUNNER?!

.....

BUT WAIT A SEC...

...?! THAT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS BACKSTAGE EARLIER...

LOOK AT THIS BEAUTY! SHE'S LIKE A WALKING DOLL!!

HUH? A BEAUTY CONTEST?

YOU'RE INTO THAT KINDA THING?

SHE ACTUALLY LOOKS QUITE GOOD...

WOW.

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

WELL, YOUR FACE IS PRETTY...

I'D SAY, WEAR SOMETHING NICE AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TALK!

SO, HOW DO I WIN THIS?

A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CANDY!

DA-DA-DUM!!

BONUS PRIZE: YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CANDY

PAULA ...

THE BONUS PRIZE FOR THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER!

NO, BLACK TIGER! LOOK AT THIS!!

YOUR NAME PLEASE, MISS!!

A SURPRISING DARK HORSE ENTERS THE ARENA?!

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

BONYARI

YOUR NAME...

ER...

KA-THUNK!!!

TAK TAK

THAT WAS ENTRY NO. 13, FOLKS!!

HUH?

WELL, WHERE WERE WE... NEXT UP...

The grand prize is mine! Yeah, it's in the bag!

WHAT A MYSTE-RIOUS YOUNG LADY!

HMM. WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

PAULA PLAYS BY HER OWN RULES...

Search me...

What's with her?

SHEESH.

PLEASE WELCOME MARIKA TACHI-BANA!!

WELL- KNOWN AS ANOTHER OF BONYARI HIGH'S TOP SEVEN SUPER-STARS...

WELL, WELL!! LOOK WHO'S NEXT!

TMP

MANY OF YOU KNOW HER, I'M SURE!!

YAAAAY—!!!

Oh, great. Here we go...

TACHI-BANA?!

?!

She's competing?!

SHUP

MY HERO...

BEHOLD!!

FLING

IT'S YOUR BELOVED MARIKA TACHI-BANAAAA!! ♡

FWUP! FWUP!

RAKU DEEAREST!!

ALL RIGHT... YOUR NAME, PLEASE...

SHUP

GET A GOOD EYEFUL!

WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?

TA-DAA!!

I HAD IT SPECIALLY MADE JUST FOR THIS DAY!!

OOOOOOOOOOOOH!!

GENTLE-MEN...

IF YOU'D BE SO KIND AS TO VOTE FOR ME...

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!

OVER-EXPOSURE IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN! THIS IS A HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

What-cha talkin' 'bout?!

WHAAAAT?!

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE DISQUALIFIED FOR INSUFFICIENT COSTUME COVERAGE.

EXCUSE ME.

MARIKA TACHI-BANA, A STRONG CON-TENDER FOR THE GRAND PRIZE, DISQUALI-FIED!!

WHAT A SHAME, LADIES AND GENTS !!

OH... FOR THE LOVE OF...!!

WHAAAAT?

TIME TO ANNOUNCE OUR LOVELY FINAL CONTES-TANTS!

AAAAND, THAT WRAPS UP THE PRELIMS!

CHATTER CHATTER

WHAAAAT?!

I'M NOT OUT?!

THESE FIVE CONTES-TANTS WILL COMPETE IN THE FINAL ROUND!!

WONDER WHO...

...RAKU VOTED FOR...

B-BMP B-BMP

NO WAAAY!

WELL, I GUESS I GOT LUCKY, WITH TACHIBANA GETTING CUT AND ALL...

Grrr!! Why?!

THE MYSTERIOUS NO. 13 WAS ELIMINATED BY A SLIM MARGIN!

HOOORAAY!

Haruuu

WE WISH YOU'D AT LEAST HAVE SHARED YOUR NAME...

Yep!

Haru's doing great!

IF THAT WERE THE CASE...

...EVEN JUST THIS ONE DAY...

...MAYBE HE'D NOTICE ME JUST A LITTLE...

IF I WERE CHOSEN ...

BUT IF...

WHAT AM I THINK-ING?!

GASP!

SHAKA SHAKA

JUST GO!

SHOOP

WHA-WHA-WHAT?!

NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT...

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

TIME TO INTRODUCE OUR SPECIAL FINAL CONTEST-ANT!!

ALL RIGHT!

OUR FINAL ROUND IS ALMOST FINISHED, FOLKS...

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE BONYARI HIGH SEVEN SUPER-STARS...

PLEASE WELCOME KOSAKI ONO-DERAAAAA!!

YAAAAAAAAAY

BIG SIS?!

Huh?!

?!

B...

Last night, 12:21 A.M.

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OOOOOOOOOH
BIG...
BIG SIS?!
Onodera ?!
Kosaki ?!
Oh my ...
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON, SHU?!
OH, YOU KNOW...THIS 'N' THAT!
I'LL GIVE BACK YOUR COSTUMES I CONFISCATED IF YOU ENTER KOSAKI IN THE CONTEST IN THE FINAL ROUND.
NO PROBLEM! SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

I CAN'T DO THIS!

Y-YOU'RE KIDDING, RURI!!

LET'S SEE YOU WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!

GO ON, DO YOUR STUFF!

THERE'S NO WAY!!

AS USUAL, THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY AFOOT HERE...

NO...

SHUSH!

DID SHE SIGN UP FOR THIS?!

W-WHAT'S GOING ON?! WHAT S!S!S DOING HERE?!

STAAAAAAAARE

WOB

BLE

WHAAAAT?!

Present myself?!

PLEASE COME FORWARD AND PRESENT YOURSELF!

PLEASE WELCOME FINAL CONTES-TANT KOSAKI ONO-DERA!

FANKS FOR YOUR SUP-PLORT ...

OOPS!

ER... UM...

MY NAME IS KOSAKI ONODERA. I'M IN CLASS 2C.

AHHAHAHA HAHA HAHAHAHA HHOA!!

A miracle!

THE MIRACLE OF SISTERLY SYNCHRONICITY, FOLKS!

WELL, WELL!

Awesome!!

SIS...

CLAP CLAP CLAP

I WANNA DIS-APPEAR!

CLAP CLAP CLAP

OH NO...

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

Whatta cutie!

IT'S FROM OUR CLASS'S BOOTH ...

HA HAHAHA HA

DUM

NO, I DO NOT!!

WHAT A LOVELY OUTFIT. DO YOU ALWAYS DRESS LIKE THIS?

SO, KO-SAKI ...

DON'T FALTER!!

DANG, SHE'S GOR-GEOUS ...

G...GOOD HEAVENS! THE SHY OLDER SISTER IS COMPETING TOO?

WE'RE CHEERING FOR HARU, REMEM-BER?!

Kosaki, you're adorable!!

SO CUTE...

LAST-LY...
HOW ABOUT FLASHING THE AUDIENCE YOUR BEST SMILE!!
WHAAT ?!
OOOOOOOH!!
GRIN
Heh?
OOOOOH!
ZIIIIIIIIIING
GRR
OOOOO!
AAAAAAH!
Eek!

WHO WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS ?!

ALL RIGHT, THAT CONCLUDES THE ROUNDS!

LET'S TALLY THE VOTES!!

Ah ha ha... Can't believe I'm doing this...

OOH AAH

MURMUR MURMUR

WHY... THIS IS INCREDIBLE!!

WHAT'S THIS?

TA DA!!!

...ARE HARU AND KOSAKI ONODERA !!

TIED FOR FIRST PLACE...

OOO OOO OOH

...THE RULES STIPULATE THERE MUST BE A TIE-BREAKER ROUND!!

WHEN MULTIPLE CONTES-TANTS ARE TIED FOR FIRST PLACE...

NOW ...

CHATTER

FLIP FLIP

Good What ques- now tion. ?

CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

Huh?

Huh? What ?

...BEFORE THE TRUE MISS BONYARI IS CROWNED !!

THEY WILL EACH HAVE A FINAL CHANCE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE AUDIENCE ...

SHUP

THE TWO REMAIN-ING CONTES-TANTS...

...WILL EACH SELECT AN OUTFIT FOR THE FINAL ROUND!!

BUT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHAT A TWIST OF FATE!!

WHOA! AMAZING!

THE CONTESTANTS IN THE TIEBREAKER ROUND OF THE MISS BONYARI BEAUTY CONTEST ARE SISTERS!!

Haruuuuu!!

S-sis ...!!

Right this way, please!

DRAG DRAG

CHATTER CHATTER

CHATTER CHATTER

MURMUR MURMUR

HOPE HARU'S OKAY...

Uh, chief?!

Argh... How could you, Big Sister Onodera?!

...WHILE THE CONTESTANTS PREPARE.

NOW, WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF INTERMISSION...

AND SUPER EXCITING!!

WOW, THIS IS UNEXPECTED.

TA-DAA!

NOW...

HERE ARE THE GARMENTS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM, HARU.

GIVE ME A SHOUT WHEN YOU'RE READY!

See you in a bit!

KCHAM

HOW ON EARTH WILL I CHOOSE ...?

WOW, THERE'S SO MUCH!

WHERE DID IT ALL COME FROM?!

...MAYBE HE'D NOTICE ME JUST A LITTLE...

IF I WERE CHOSEN AS THE WINNER...

GAH... WHY IS THIS HAPPEN-ING?!

I COULD NEVER BEAT HER!!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MY SISTER WOULD COMPETE...

FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...

...FOR EVEN THINKING THAT I WANT TO WIN...

KTAK

...WANTS SIS TO WIN ANYWAY.

I'M SURE RAKU...

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST DROP OUT.

KREAK

...WOULD BE SO SAD!...

KCHAK

BUT GOING OUT THERE JUST TO LOSE...

WHUMP

OOF!

...

What's up?

IT'S YOU, HARU!

OH, HEY!

I THOUGHT I'D GET SOMETHING TO DRINK DURING THE BREAK...

ME?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING BACK HERE?

W-WHAT ABOUT YOU?

SHOULDN'T YOU BE GETTING READY?

That makes sense!

OH, I GET IT.

YEAH, YOU'RE REALLY NOT THE PAGEANT TYPE, ARE YOU?

RAKU ALWAYS HAS THE WEIRDEST TIMING...

SHEESH.

I'M NOT HERE BY CHOICE.

MY FRIEND FORCED ME...

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO ENTER, HARU!

Y'KNOW, THIS WAS QUITE A SURPRISE.

I'M ROOTING FOR YOU... SO GIVE IT YOUR BEST!

BUT YOU WERE REALLY CUTE OUT THERE. FOR REAL.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SUPPORT-ING YOU BOTH?

HUH?

YOU SHOULD BE SUPPORTING MY SISTER, SHOULDN'T YOU?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT GOES TO SHOW THAT EVERYONE FOUND YOU ATTRACTIVE, RIGHT?

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TIED FOR FIRST PLACE IF YOU WEREN'T ATTRACTIVE!

BESIDES, I'M TOTALLY NOT ATTRAC-TIVE...

JUST SUPPORT MY SISTER, OKAY?

THAT DOESN'T WORK!

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

LISTEN UP, RAKU!

YOU'D BETTER VOTE FOR MY SISTER. GOT THAT?!

Geez, what gives?!

YEAH, YEAH. I'LL DO AS YOU SAY.

WHA ...?!

GRWWL

THIS IS WHAT GETS YOU A REPUTATION AS A PLAYER... THE FACT THAT YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT TO ANYBODY!!

I HAVE A REPUTA-TION?!

I'm shocked!!

I'm so con-fused...

OH... Right...

AS IF!

YEAH, RIGHT!

SPEAK-ING OF WHICH, HARU...

LATELY, IT KINDA SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE SUPPORT-ING ME, WITH YOUR SISTER..

OF COURSE I WILL.

GOOD LUCK OUT THERE!

BUT IF YOU WANT TO ROOT FOR ME TOO, YOU CAN.

YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR MY SISTER..

RAKU...

KCHAM

...SO STUPID!

I REALLY AM...

SHEESH.

FU MENTIONED THERE WAS A PRIZE...

RUSTLE

COME TO THINK OF IT...

HMM...

HOW WILL I EVER CHOOSE WHAT TO WEAR?!

WAIT A SEC... IT BETTER NOT BE SOMETHING OUT-RAGEOUS...

WHAT?! YOU CHOSE FOR ME?!

HERE.

QUIT WHINING.

I ALREADY CHOSE YOUR OUTFIT. JUST GET DRESSED.

RURI, WHY DO YOU DO THESE THINGS TO ME?!

AAGH... WHY IS THIS HAPPENING...?

RUSTLE

CHATTER CHATTER CHATTER

YOU'RE A TOTAL SAVIOR, RURI...

YOU THINK... THIS IS OKAY?

REALLY ?

YEP. GO ON, PUT IT ON.

OOOOOH!!

TMP

SHP

AAAAAAAAH

FIRST, PLEASE WELCOME KOSAKI ONODERA!!

LET'S HAVE THE TWO BEAUTIES VYING FOR FIRST PLACE TAKE THE STAGE!

NOW ...

IT'S TIME FOR THE FINAL ROUND OF JUDGING!

eek!

OOOH

AAH

A CLASSIC SELECTION!!

SIMPLE AND UNADORNED!

THE JAPANESE SCHOOLGIRL LOOK!

A SAILOR-STYLE UNIFORM!

WOW... WHAT A SURPRISE!!

STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND UNCOMPLI-CATED, BUT WITH PLENTY OF IMPACT, LADIES AND GENTS!

WHAT A CLEVER CHOICE!

BY SELECTING A DIFFERENT UNIFORM FROM HER REGULAR ONE, SHE ACHIEVES A FRESH, STRIKING LOOK THAT'S STILL UNDERSTATED AND RESTRAINED!

A BRILLIANT SELECTION, SURE TO ENCHANT HER ADMIRERS!

MY SUSPICION IS THAT THIS CONTESTANT HAD HELP WITH HER CHOICE!

THIS SMACKS OF THE WORK OF A BRILLIANT STRATEGIST!

Sooo cute!!

SPLISH

HARU ONODERA, PLEASE TAKE THE STAGE!

AND NOW, PRESENTING THE SECOND MISS ONODERA ...

YAAAAAAAY!!

BUT WILL IT LAUNCH HER INTO FIRST PLACE?

AN EXCELLENT CHOICE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

YAP YAP

GEE... IS IT REALLY THAT GREAT?

I don't get it.

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

OH, HARU ...?

WHAT'S THIS?

MURMUR MURMUR

MISS BONYARI CONTEST

IF HARU DOESN'T TAKE THE STAGE...

WELL, THIS IS A PROBLEM...

...I'M AFRAID SHE'LL BE DISQUALIFIED...

HAHH HAHH

MURMUR

Haru ...?

MURMUR

MURMUR

Where is she?

MURMUR

MURMUR

...

...?

HMM... WHERE COULD SHE BE?

HARU ONODERA... ARE YOU THERE?

What's happening?

WHERE ARE YOU?

MURMUR

What?

I'M SORRY I'M LATE!!

EXCUSE ME!

EH?

OOPS

WHAT'S THIS, LADIES AND GENTS?!

?!

Haru ...?!

OH, MY!!

WHAT...

Wow...
Gee... I was cute?

...THE GRAND PRIZE FOR THE CONTEST?

THIS IS...

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TAK TAK

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...

FU...

...I WANT TO WIN THIS TODAY!

SHOOP

EVEN IF SIS IS MY COMPETI-TION...

OH, MY!!

SH-SHE'S WEARING A ...!!

SLAM!!

I'M SORRY I'M LATE!!

EXCUSE ME!

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LOOK AT THAT!

HOLY SMOKES!

A WEDDING DRESS!!

HAHH

OOOOOOOH!

SO BEAUTIFUL, NO FURTHER COMMENTARY IS NECESSARY!

Wow, Haru!

A DRESS THAT TRULY CONVEYS HARU'S COMMITMENT TO THIS CONTEST!

Oh my...

It took a little while to get dressed...

Sorry...

HARU...

HARU HAS CHOSEN THE MOST DAZZLING LOOK A WOMAN CAN WEAR!!

GOOD HEAVENS!

Zing

Zot

SOMEHOW...

HAHH

...I FOUND THE COURAGE TO DO THIS...

HAHH

HAHH

HARU, I LOVE YOU!!

HARU, YOU LOOK GREAT!!

PHWEET WHOOO!

YAAAAAAAAY!

Yeesh... Wearing this in front of everyone ...

BUT IT'S DEFINITELY STILL EMBARRASSING...!!

PA POW

eek!!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WISH I COULD TAKE A PICTURE!!

H-HARU ... WHOA ...

NO FAIR!! SHE LOOKS, GORGEOUS IN SUCH A SIMPLE LOOK! SIS, YOU'RE AMAZING!

WOW!! SIS LOOKS GREAT! A SAILOR UNIFORM?!

You're really my sister?

I WANT TO THROW MY ARMS AROUND YOU...

HARU, YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL!

B-BMP B-BMP

LOOK AT THIS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THE TWO OPPONENTS ARE FACING OFF!!

TRAGICALLY, FATE HAS PLACED THESE TWO SISTERS IN CUTTHROAT COMPETITION WITH ONE ANOTHER!

THE SPARKS ARE FLYING, AND BOTH ARE FIERCELY DETERMINED TO WIN!

BUT WHICH ONE WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS?!

UM, NOT SURE ABOUT THAT COMMENTARY ...

You look amazing ...

Wow... You're so beauti-ful...

WOOoooooooo!!

NOW, WE'LL HAVE ONE LAST Q&A SESSION TO GET TO KNOW EACH SISTER A LITTLE BETTER.

WHAT KIND OF GUY DO YOU LIKE?

ooo WHAT ?! ooo!!

UM... I GUESS ...

SOME-ONE WHO'S KIND...

M-ME TOO...

WOOOOO O!!

WELL, WELL! AN ANSWER THAT SUITS YOU BOTH!

CHATTER CHAT-TER

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THE WORLD WAS ENDING TOMOR-ROW?

WHAT COUNTRY WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO VISIT?

DO YOU PREFER A HOT SPRING RESORT OR CAMPING?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A MILLION YEN?

NEXT QUES-TION.

GOOD LUCK...!

HARU ...

!

HUH?!

WHAAAT?!

NOW... OUR FINAL QUESTION.

IS THERE ANYONE YOU HAVE SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR RIGHT NOW?

OH!!

I SEE A GLEAM OF HOPE LIGHTING UP ALL OF YOUR EYES!

THERE YOU HAVE IT!! THAT'S A RELIEF, ISN'T IT, MEN?

WOOOHOOO

N-N-N-NO!! NOBODY SPECIAL!

I DON'T LIKE ANY-ONE...

KOSAKI, YOU FIRST.

Well? Hmm?

WHAT?

...

ACTU-ALLY...

I...

I...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, HARU?

THERE IS.

HE DOESN'T KNOW I'M ALIVE...

HE...

BUT I'M HERE...

...BECAUSE I WANTED HIM TO NOTICE ME.

...TAKING PART IN THIS CONTEST TODAY...

HARU HAS FEELINGS FOR A SPECIAL SOMEONE!

WE DON'T KNOW WHO, BUT WHAT A LUCKY FELLOW, RIGHT?

MISS BONARI CONTEST

HOW ABOUT THAT, FOLKS!! WHAT A STATE-MENT!!

Woooo oooooo

CHATTER CHATTER

...AND PASS THEM TO OUR STAFF!

FWUMP

Chief!

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR BALLOTS ...

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

THAT CON-CLUDES THE JUDGING, FOLKS!

HMM... WELL...

RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT

THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER...

GOOD HEAV-ENS!!

IT'S CLOSE !!

IT'S VERY CLOSE !!

...OF THE MISS BONYARI HIGH BEALITY CONTEST IS...

MUTTER MUTTER

HERE IT COMES!

THE VOTES HAVE BEEN TALLIED, FOLKS!

ENTRY NO. 12!!
HARU ONO-DERA !!
CONGRATU-LATIONS!!!!
WOOO-HOOO OOOOOO
IN THE COMMENTS SECTION ...
...MANY OF YOU WROTE MESSAGES LIKE...
"I WAS MOVED BY HOW SHE BARED HER FEELINGS ABOUT THE PERSON SHE LOVES."
AND, "FROM THIS DAY ON, I'M A HARU FAN!"
WAAAAAA

Phew.

=3

CLAP CLAP

STOP CRYING, YOU WIMPS!

WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT HARU'S ROMANCE !!

Boo-hoo-hoo... Congrats, Haru!!

WAAAAAAAA

Haru...

SNIFFLE

CONGRATS, HARU!

Gee, that was moving...

PLIP PLIP

...I HAD THIS VISION OF YOU GETTING MARRIED...

SNIFFLE HIC

IT'S JUST THAT...

SIS, WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

EVERYONE, LET'S GIVE THESE LADIES A FINAL ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

I know, sorry!

Sis! This is embarrassing!

WHAT A FANTASTIC CONTEST, FOLKS!

HARU, THE TROPHY IS YOURS.

WOOOOOO

...YOU GET TO CHOOSE YOUR DANCE PARTNER!

IN THE FOLK DANCE FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S EVENT...

WOOOOOOOO

IT'S TIME TO PRESENT THE GRAND PRIZE TO OUR WINNER!

FINALLY ...

...AND EX-CLUSIVE TO THIS PAGEANT !

THE PRIZE IS THE SAME EVERY YEAR...

YAP YAP

THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE SHE MENTIONED EARLIER ?!

WHO WILL THE WINNER CHOOSE THIS YEAR?

OH, THE ROMANCES THIS PRIZE HAS SPARKED OVER THE YEARS!!

YOU DIDN'T KNOW, SIS?

REALLY? THAT'S THE PRIZE?!

Oh! Yep, says right here...

I didn't know...

CLENCH

WELL...

...

IN THAT CASE...

CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER !!

ALL RIGHT, HARU!

WHA...?

Huh?

WHAAAT?!

...WOULD YOU DANCE WITH ME?

ICHIJO...

OH... UH...

WAIT... DOES THIS MEAN...?!

?!

HARU HAS CHOSEN SPECIAL GUEST JUDGE RAKU ICHIJO!

Booo!!

WAIT... ME?!

H-HOW ABOUT THAT?!

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!

?!

BOO

Drop dead, you jerk!!

Booo!!

Not you again, Ichijo!!

Boo!!

THAT'S WHY...

...I PICKED ICHIJO, THE ONLY GUY I KINDA TALK WITH.

I'M NOT FRIENDS WITH A LOT OF GUYS. I DON'T EVEN TALK TO THEM.

BONYARI CONTEST
I MEAN, IF I CHOSE THE PERSON I LIKE, I'D BASICALLY BE CONFESSING MY FEELINGS IN FRONT OF EVERYONE, RIGHT?
I COULD NEVER DO THAT!!
OH, RIGHT!!
THAT'S VERY TRUE!!
WOOO
Makes sense.
Good point!
WOOOOOOOHOOOOOO
IN ANY CASE, THAT WRAPS UP OUR CONTEST!
ALL RIGHT, FOLKS! LET'S HAVE A FINAL ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE FABULOUS HARU AND THE VERY FORTUNATE ICHIJO!
CLAP CLAP
Congrats, darling!
CLAP
Uh, thanks...
CLAP CLAP
CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
That was great!
Yeah!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
Haru! I'm so glad you two are getting along!
I wouldn't go that far.
No?!
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
MIS BON

Large objects go in the courtyard...

The signs go in the storage space...

Welcome! Fried Potato

CHATTER

CHATTER

Sunyari High Festival

KCHIK

BONK

CHEESE!

No I didn't.

You said I'd win if I didn't talk!

McCoy, give us a hand!

STARE

GOOD JOB, HARU!

SHF

FU...

YOU REALLY DID IT!!

CONGRATU-LATIONS.

HARU...

THAT WAS AWESOME.

DOES THIS MEAN...

YEAH?

I WAS RIGHT, WASN'T I?

THAT YOU'RE ATTRACTIVE AND YOU SHOULD BELIEVE IN YOURSELF?

WELL... EASIER SAID THAN DONE...

...TELL ICHIJO HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM?

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO...

THE OPPOSITE.

...?

NO, FU.

...I MADE A DECISION.

TMP

...WHEN I FOUND OUT WHAT THE GRAND PRIZE WAS...

JUST NOW ...

AND IN EX-CHANGE ...

ONE BEAUTIFUL MEMORY TO CHERISH.

IF I WON...

The folk dance is starting!

Oooooooo!!

...I WOULD PERMIT MYSELF ONE LAST INDULGENCE ...

B-

ICHIJO!

BMP

SO...

I'LL SAY GOODBYE TO HIM.

...I WON'T SEE ICHIJO ANY-MORE.

SHALL WE DANCE?

Otherwise I'd've chosen Sis or Fu.

WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?

I'M NOT ALLOWED TO CHOOSE A GIRL, RIGHT?

I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY GUY FRIENDS.

WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS, HARU.

FALALALALA LALALAAAA

FALALALALA LALALALA LALALALALA

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

CHOOSING ME?

SO, WHAT COULD I DO?

BESIDES, EVEN IF I'D WANTED TO CHOOSE HIM, MY PRINCE CHARMING ISN'T AROUND, RIGHT?

I THINK...

...HE SAW YOU.

WHAT NOW ...?

OH, RIGHT... SHE HASN'T TALKED ABOUT HIM IN A WHILE...

...who came to my rescue?!

My Prince Charming...

SO...

I'M SURE HE SAW YOU UP THERE, HARU.

I BET HE WAS BLOWN AWAY BY HOW YOU LOOKED IN THAT WEDDING DRESS.

...HE WAS GOING TO BE IN THE AREA AND HE'D CHECK OUT THE FESTIVAL.

Y'KNOW, I THINK HE MENTIONED TO ME...

MUMBLE MUMBLE

?

YEAH, HE TOTALLY SAID SO.

Why didn't you tell me?!

HUH? SHE'S NOT MAD?!

WELL... THAT'S REALLY NICE...

OH... REALLY ?

...

I PROMISED MYSELF...

AND THE REASON TOO.

...I CAN'T SEE HIM ANYMORE.

I HAVE TO TELL HIM...

REMEMBER THAT STORE WHERE WE WENT TO BUY YOUR SISTER'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT?

WELL, THEY'RE DOING ANOTHER JAPANESE DESSERT FESTIVAL!

HEY, BY THE WAY...

ICHIJO... I...

MY TREAT... SINCE YOU WON TODAY AND ALL!!

A GROUP OF US ARE GOING. YOUR SISTER TOO. WANNA JOIN US, HARU?

I'LL GO.

AAAAUGH!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?!

ALL RIGHT! IT'S ON!

THIS'LL BE AWE-SOME!!

THERE'S GONNA BE A SHOP THAT SPECIALIZES IN RICE FLOUR SWEETS...

THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE REALLY GOOD...

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BONUS COMIC!!

The Magical Girls face off against Dr. Maiko, Lord of Evil...

Some Lord of Evil...

Well, let's get this over with.

Somehow I'm not feeling super motivated...

Mwa ha ha ha!

Do you really think you can take me down?!

Bring it on, Magical Girls!

FOOF

Agh!

Anti-Magic Beeeeam!!

B-BYOO

Check out my new weapon!!

Your magical clothes cannot withstand it!!

Ha ha ha ha!! Impressed with the beam's destructive capabilities?

H-how dare you...?!

You filthy sleaze-dog!!

What the heck...?!

AIEEEEEE!!

BA

M!!

Magical Confectioner Kosaki!!

Tachibana... You're exposed in the front!!

Hide!

W-what the ...?!

It annihilates all magical items?!

Then we'll just have to counter-attack!

With my magic cuffs ...

KA-ZOT!!

POOF

Don't worry! I have an idea!

Yeah, but... how'll we beat him now?

R-right!

SHOOO

All right, girls! Let's transform back!

We can't win like this!

?!!

WHE

FLIP

Whoops!

My hand slipped!

Ah...

VOOSH

SHING

KA

POW!

Just a minute.

I want a word with you.

We'll have to discuss our follow-up strategy now...

Well...

Back to head-quarters, everyone.

To be continued!! Probably...

You got off easier than us, Leader.
You have a point...